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Bush to affirm support for Shamir

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — Vice President George Bush intends to assure Foreign Minister Shamir that U.S. support for Israel will remain strong following the rotation in October, according to a senior official with the vice president.

Bush, who is to arrive in Israel on July 27 for a three-day official visit, will signal that "our support will continue after the rotation," the official said at a White House briefing.

The vice president, the official said, has "a good and close relationship" with both Shamir and Prime Minister Peres.

From Israel, Bush is scheduled to fly to Jordan and Egypt. At the briefing, the official repeated that there are no plans to include Syria on the itinerary, although he confirmed that the U.S. has very seriously explored the possibility.

At a separate briefing, a White House spokesman carefully hedged on the possibility of including Syria. "There are no plans at the present time for the vice president to travel

to Syria," he said. That left open a possible change of plans during the course of the visit.

King Hussein of Jordan is known to be attempting to arrange a meeting for Bush with Syrian President Hafez el-Assad. This could take the form of a brief side-trip from Amman to Damascus while the Bush delegation is in Jordan. But when asked about such a scenario, Bush's senior aide replied: "I don't think so."

The Bush official said that Syria is "certainly a player" in any comprehensive peace negotiation. But he suggested that the timing for a visit to Syria is "not good" right now, given the most recent evidence of Syrian involvement in international terrorism.

During his talks in Israel, the official said, Bush does not intend to raise the Jonathan Pollard spy scandal or the incidents of alleged Israeli involvement in arms smuggling. "We certainly aren't going to raise it," the official said.

He said that those matters are (Continued on back page)

Shcharansky insists Soviets agreed to free his relatives

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — Anatoly (Natan) Shcharansky has accused the Soviet Union of failing to observe a written agreement, which he said was signed as part of the East-West prisoner exchange last February, to allow his family to join him in Israel.

In an interview published yesterday in *The New York Times*, Shcharansky said he had learned of the document from American and West German officials immediately upon his release, and had decided to publicize it now because of recent signs that authorities in Moscow had decided to delay his relatives' departures in an effort to press him to end his appeals on behalf of Soviet Jews.

"My mother is 77," he said in a telephone interview with the *Times*. "She suffered so much, and now every month is important. Nobody knows how long she has."

The State Department has declined to confirm the existence of any secret written exchange with the Soviets on the release of Shcharansky's mother, Ida Milgrom; his brother Leonid; his brother's wife Irada; and his brother's two sons, one-year-old Boris, and Aleksandr, 15.

"I understand that they can play this game for many years," Shcharansky said, "waiting until this problem can be such an international issue" that the authorities can present the family's release as a gesture of goodwill.

"They could play with me; I had years ahead of me," he said. "But my mother is of such an age that I cannot permit them to play this game too long."

Shcharansky, who is now in Jerusalem writing his memoirs, speculated that the Soviet authorities might have two motives for the delay. "First, they want me to be more quiet," he said, "and secondly, they want to make a big deal for Shcharansky's family, and they want to present it as a concession."

A State Department official told the *Times* that he was not pessimistic about the outcome, noting that 33 cases of divided families had recently been resolved.

Four killed in Beirut bus ambush

BEIRUT (AP). — Muslim ambushers raked an American University hospital bus with gunfire at Beirut's dividing green line yesterday, killing three doctors and an administrator.

Three other hospital personnel were wounded in the ambush on the edge of the green line's no-man's land at the mid-city racetrack crossing. All the victims were Lebanese Christians.

Police said four gunmen intercepted the bus at 12:30 p.m., climbed aboard, fired at the 40 occupants from silenced sub-machine guns and then escaped.

The assailants sped away in a waiting Peugeot. Police said a nearby Lebanese Army checkpoint fired at, but missed.

Mubarak to report on tour for aid

Post Middle East Staff
Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is to open a convention of his National Democratic Party today with a major address on Egypt's economy, following his return from a four-nation European tour to seek economic support.

Mubarak said at the end of his visit on Friday that he was optimistic Egypt would overcome its current economic crisis caused largely by the drop in world oil prices.

Mubarak visited Rome, Paris, London and Bonn, where he held talks on economic aid and additional assistance from the International Monetary Fund.

Egypt wants \$1.5 billion in credit from the IMF and postponement of the payments of its \$36 billion foreign debt.

Five local municipal leaders invited to visit China

By TOM TUGEND
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LOS ANGELES. — Five Israeli municipal officials attending the International Sister Cities conference here have received invitations from the delegates of the People's Republic of China to visit their country.

The verbal invitations were extended officially, repeatedly and

with apparent sincerity, according to Mayor Eli De Castro of Acre, head of the Israeli delegation. De Castro said he accepted, and in turn invited the Chinese to Israel. The two countries have no diplomatic relations.

The Israelis were also active on other international fronts. They shared a luncheon table with the Soviet Union delegates from Tash-



A police officer subdues an ultra-Orthodox demonstrator during Friday's protest against Sabbath movies in Petah Tikva. See story on Page 2. (IPPA)

Court could rule today on challenge to pardons

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
and LEA LEVAVI
A three-judge panel of High Court justices may reach a decision this morning on five petitions challenging President Herzog's June 25 pardon of General Security Services chief Avraham Shalom and three senior aides.

Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar, Deputy President Ben-Porat and Justice Aharon Barak will hear counter-arguments to affidavits submitted two weeks ago by Justice Minister Modai and the attorneys for Shalom and the aides in support of the pardons. Attorney-General Yosef Harish and GSS attorneys Yigal Arnon and Dov Weisglas will then present their final arguments before the court retires.

Lawyers representing the five petitioners speculate that the court will probably uphold the pardons, but may stipulate that their one-time decision should not serve as a precedent, effectively scotching the idea of future pardons for other GSS operatives involved in the No. 300 bus hijacking.

Observers told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the court is likely to refrain from an overall rejection of Herzog's decision. The court may content itself, they say, with the GSS men's having admitted to "certain criminal acts" which indirectly classifies them as criminals and thus makes them eligible for presidential clemency.

"The court's decision to strike his (Herzog's) name from the list of respondents signifies a desire to steer clear of direct confrontation," said one legal source.

If the High Court indeed upholds the presidential pardons, but stipulates that no additional pardon requests be submitted in the GSS affair, Attorney-General Harish will have to decide at the conclusion of a police investigation whether to bring charges.

"The question of pardons doesn't really affect a police investigation, and in fact may aid such a probe," a former police officer told *The Post*. The officer, now a Tel Aviv attorney, added, "If the court upholds the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

6 Caribbean states join games boycott

LONDON. — Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis, and Guyana yesterday joined three other Caribbean nations boycotting the Commonwealth games to protest against Britain's refusal to impose sanctions against South Africa.

India, largest of the Commonwealth countries, said last night it would attend the games if Britain took effective steps against South Africa to end apartheid. But neighbour Bangladesh announced it was pulling out.

The announcement by Barbados and Guyana followed withdrawal decisions on Friday night by Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. The Bahamas withdrew last Wednesday. Several other Caribbean island nations are expected to decide soon. Dominica is the only state in the group to say it will definitely attend the games.

Two more African countries — Gambia and Lesotho — also pulled out of the games, bringing the number of African withdrawals to 10. A total of 19 states have announced they are staying away. (Reuters, AP)

Three officers 'demoted' Bar-Lev orders investigation of prisons chief

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
For The Jerusalem Post
A police commission of inquiry is to probe allegations of bribery and favouritism towards prisoners made against Prisons Service Commissioner Rafi Suissa. The allegations were submitted to Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev by three of Suissa's former top aides, whom he recently transferred to less influential positions within the service.

The inquiry, set up by Bar-Lev on Friday, will also probe counter-complaints by Suissa regarding the conduct of the three — former Prisons Spokesman Sgan-Guudar Shimon Malka (not to be confused with former General Security Services officer Rafi Malka, who was recently ousted by his boss Avraham Shalom), Suissa's personal assistant Sgan-Guudar Haim Glick, and Suissa's assistant (and parliamentary aide when Suissa was a Labour MK) Debbie Saguy. The three start new jobs today, after a two-week enforced vacation.

The investigation is to be headed



Rafi Suissa (Brutmann)

by Police Ministry comptroller Aluf (res.) Avraham Adan and Chief Superintendent Shaul Golan.

Among improprieties alleged to have been sanctioned by Suissa outright, or done with Suissa's knowledge, are the bribing of warders by prisoners in exchange for home leave, and inequality in prisoner treatment — in breach of guidelines that govern where prisoners should be interned and how and when special privileges should be granted. (Continued on back page)

Snags in VOA agreement

Negotiations with the U.S. over the construction of a Voice of America station in the Arava have broken down because of differences of opinion between the various Israeli ministries involved, according to Ilan Oren, a member of the Israeli negotiating committee.

Oren, chairman of the Arava regional council, said yesterday that Finance and Justice Ministry representatives had rejected a draft agreement worked out by the Foreign and Communications Ministry representatives in cooperation with U.S. officials.

The American proposals embo-

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'Fill the Kinneret with buckets of rainwater'

Among numerous water-saving suggestions received recently by the Mekorot water company was one from Avigail Elor Semach, aged nine, from Jerusalem.

Semach wrote: "I've an idea to save water. Next winter tell everyone to pray for rain."

If it rains, everyone should put a bucket outside to collect water. "All the water should be poured into a giant tank, and the tank should be emptied into the Kinneret. That way, the Kinneret will be full of water and there won't be a shortage."

Moscow finds 'gross breaches' of rules in Chernobyl disaster

MOSCOW (AP). — The ruling Politburo yesterday blamed "gross breaches" of operating regulations by Chernobyl nuclear plant workers for the April 26 accident there, and said the death toll from the disaster now stands at 28.

In a report issued by the official news agency Tass, the Politburo said 203 people suffered radiation disease as a result of the accident and that 30 remain hospitalized.

The disaster, the worst in the history of civilian nuclear power, caused a total of 2 billion rubles in damage (\$2.8m. at the official exchange rate) and contaminated 1,000 sq. km. of land, the Politburo said.

The Politburo met in a special session to discuss the results of a government inquiry into the accident at the power station 130 km.

north of Kiev which released a radioactive cloud eventually detected around the world.

It said the accident in the No. 4 reactor of the four-reactor complex occurred during "experiments with its turbogenerator operation." The reactor had been shut down and "sidelined for planned repairs" before the disaster, the Politburo said.

The Politburo noted that several officials had been fired in connection with the accident and added that the prosecutor general's office had initiated criminal cases against "persons guilty of the accident."

Among those fired over the accident, the report said, were Yevgeny Kulov, the head of the State Atomic Power Safety Committee, and G. A. Shasharin, Deputy Minister of Power and Electrification. (See story — Page 3)

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Big operation smashes Sikh militant core

AMRITSAR (AFP). — About 200 suspects were arrested in a huge security operation which "smashed" the reputed hub of Sikh militancy in the Punjab, police officials said here yesterday.

Amritsar district Police Chief Mohammad Ishaq Alam said the so-called "capital" of Khalistan — as Sikh militants call the nation they are seeking to create — had been crushed during a 16-hour sweep in Amritsar, Kapurthala and Ferozepur districts.

Some 2,000 security officers — backed by helicopters, motorboats, bulldozers and tractors — on Friday swept through the "Mand" riverine belt, which Sikh militant literature describes as the capital of Khalistan.

Police called the operation one of the biggest-ever offensives against Sikh militants, netting large quantities of arms and ammunition.

Alam said the Sikhs had used a "wild area" overgrown with elephant grass between the Sutlej

and Beas rivers as a hiding place. There they built huts, workshops to repair weapons and observation posts up to 5 metres high.

Although he could not give a breakdown of those arrested, Alam said there were several "bootleggers" among them.

The area is known for illegal distilleries, and police believe the militants had been working with criminals in the area — offering safety and security against police in return for shelter.

The operation was part of a recent crackdown on Sikh militancy which has seen dozens arrested in the last two weeks and a decline in the number of victims of Sikh-related violence.

Meanwhile, in Darjeeling, the leader of the Gurkha National Liberation Front has vowed to wage a guerrilla war and armed struggle "unto death" to create a separate Gurkhaland state in India.

The leader, Subhas Geishing, met reporters in the hills of tea-growing Darjeeling, in northeastern India. He said that if federal troops are used against the Gurkha movement, he said, "we will unsheathe our kukris and behead all of them."

The kukri, a heavy curved knife, is the traditional weapon of the Gurkhas, who are of Nepalese origin and have a long reputation as fierce soldiers in the Indian and British armies.

The Gurkhas allege discrimination by federal Indian authorities, and Geishing has demanded a separate state in the Darjeeling area of West Bengal state for about 1.4 million people.

The movement so far has staged strikes, road blocks and demonstrations, and has led election boycotts. On May 25, five Gurkha demonstrators were killed when police opened fire on protesters in the Himalayan foothills.

Head of Soviet atomic safety dismissed for negligence

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The chairman of the Soviet State Committee for Safety in the Atomic Power Industry has been sacked, the official news agency Tass reported yesterday.

It said Yevgeny Kulov, 57, had been relieved of his duties by the President of the Supreme Soviet, the country's highest state body.

The brief Tass dispatch, which gave no further details, did not mention the April 25 Chernobyl nuclear accident which spewed radiation across Europe, led to the evacuation of thousands of people and resulted in 26 deaths.

Kulov's dismissal follows the sacking last month of the director and chief engineer at the Chernobyl nuclear power station. The two men were fired by the Kiev region Communist Party for negligence in their duties.

The cause of the explosion and fire at the power plant's fourth reactor has not yet been made public.

A Soviet government investigating commission is expected to report on the reasons behind the accident next month, and officials have said they will begin implementing new safety standards for the nuclear energy industry at that time.

Aquino gives safe conduct to communist negotiators

MANILA. — The Philippine military was ordered yesterday to grant safe conduct to communist negotiators to planned ceasefire talks with the government, state television said.

Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Fidel Ramos's order came amid reports here that the rebel negotiators, Satur Ocampo and Antonio Zumel, had expressed misgivings about their safety.

It was still uncertain yesterday when the talks will begin.

President Corason Aquino is seeking a political solution to the 12-year-old rebellion led by the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines and its New People's Army guerrillas.

In Honolulu Friday a federal judge ruled that ousted president Ferdinand Marcos could not be sued in U.S. courts for actions allegedly committed while he ruled the Philippines.

District Judge Harold Fong made

the ruling when he dismissed three lawsuits that accused Marcos of being guilty of murder and torture.

However, Fong let stand two lawsuits filed by the government of President Aquino to recover money and valuables Marcos took with him when he fled his homeland last February.

A Swiss Prosecutor's Office spokesman in Zurich said some \$213 million in assets held here by Marcos will stay blocked because the ex-president apparently gave and then withdrew approval for them to be handed over to the Manila government.

Switzerland froze all Marcos's assets here last March to prevent him from withdrawing money which the new government has been trying to recover on grounds it had been illegally accumulated. Manila estimates the assets at as much as \$1.5 billion.

(AFP, AP, Reuters)

Khomeini urges army keep pressure on Iraq at fronts

TEHRAN (Reuters). — Iran's revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini yesterday lectured a group of military commanders on virtues of unity and reliance on God, and urged them to give Iraqi forces no respite in the Gulf war.

"Don't let the enemy enjoy calm on the fronts. If it does, it will rear and give you trouble. You should not release it from its anxiety for even one night," Khomeini said in his first speech to be broadcast on Tehran radio for more than a month.

He told the army and Revolutionary Guards commanders visiting him in his north Tehran home that Islam was at issue in the war with Iraq, and it was the duty of every Iranian to join the defence "against forces who want to return us to the old bondage in any way they can."

Iran has started a new mobilization of volunteers, and Iranian leaders have called for a rapid military end to the nearly six-year-old war.

A leading Iranian opposition group based in West Germany

yesterday said at least 15 senior Tehran surgeons had been imprisoned following a doctors strike in protest against compulsory service at the front.

The Cologne office of the People's Mujahedin, largest of Iranian opposition groups, said three board members of the Iranian Medical Association were among those jailed.

It added that most of Tehran's private doctors had struck on July 14-15, protesting that medical services in the capital were collapsing because they were compelled to spend one to two months a year at the front in the war with Iraq.

MALI. — Moussa Traore, President of Mali, left Moscow yesterday at the end of his first official visit to the USSR during which he met Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and President Andrei Gromyko in "warm and friendly" talks focusing on disarmament, the situation in Africa and Soviet-Malian economic cooperation.

U.S.-Soviet test-ban talks begin in Geneva next week

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — U.S. and Soviet experts will discuss nuclear testing issues in Geneva next week, White House spokesman Edwin J. Brzezinski said Friday.

He said talks would begin on or about July 25 and probably would be open-ended.

Moscow has repeatedly urged Washington to join it in a ban on nuclear testing, but so far, the U.S. has refused, saying that underground tests must be carried out to ensure a credible and effective nuclear deterrent.

While reaffirming that a comprehensive test ban is a long-term goal, the U.S. has said it had long sought a meeting with Soviet experts "to present our concerns about the verification of two unratified treaties limiting the size of nuclear tests."

"The U.S. determined in the early 1980s that U.S. ratification could not be considered until verification improvements were made and U.S.

compliance concerns were answered, the White House spokesman said.

"We have made repeated offers to the Soviet government to present our ideas for improvements that would allow us to move forward on ratification of the treaties."

In Stockholm, the European Disarmament Conference ended its second-last session Friday with speeches from East and West reflecting a wave of optimism which has swept delegates in recent days.

"The will to succeed apparently exists," Robert Barry, U.S. delegation head at the 35-nation conference, told delegates. Barry's optimism was reflected by Soviet delegation chief, Oleg Grinevsky, who said "we have managed to undo one of the tightest knots which for a long time impeded our movement forward, namely the notification of air force maneuvers."

'NY Times' editor in Peking as newsman held for spying

PEKING (AP). — The executive editor of The New York Times, A.M. Rosenthal, arrived here yesterday to clear up what he said was a misunderstanding that led to the detention of the paper's Peking correspondent on suspicion of gathering intelligence.

Rosenthal said Chinese allegations that correspondent John Burns may have been carrying out intelligence activities while travelling earlier this month in an area restricted to foreigners were "nonsense."

Burns, 41, was detained by police at Peking International airport early Thursday as he and his family prepared to board a plane for a vacation. He was questioned for 15 hours at the airport, and then at 4 a.m. on

Friday was escorted to a Peking detention centre.

Burns' wife, Jane Scott-Long, and the British Embassy said they had so far been unable to meet with Burns, who carried a British passport.

A Public Security official who identified himself only as Zhao, told the Associated Press by telephone that he expected the investigation to be completed soon.

"If there is such an agreement, it will be honoured," Zhao said when asked if China will follow the 1984 agreement to allow British officials access to a detained British national within 48 hours of notification of detention.

If he is convicted on the charge of espionage, Burns could face a term of three years to life.

British by-election result seen as blow to both main parties

LONDON (Reuters). — The result of a by-election in a Midlands town Friday has dealt blows to both the ruling Conservative and the opposition Labour Party, election analysts said yesterday.

After a recount, the centrist Social Democratic-Liberal Alliance failed by only 799 votes to capture Newcastle-under-Lyme from Labour.

Liberal Party leader David Steel described the result as "a humiliation for Labour, a humiliation for

the Tories." He added that it was a serious blow to claims by Labour that it was on course to take over from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government at the next general election.

Conservative Party Chairman Norman Tebbit said the outcome was a disappointment, "one which is completely out of line with national opinion polls and our recent local council by-election results where we have been taking seats off Liberals."

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

Nixon to see Reagan on talks in Moscow

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Former U.S. President Richard Nixon left Moscow yesterday at the end of a week-long private visit, his first here since he resigned over the Watergate affair 12 years ago.

Nixon met Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Friday. He also had talks with President Andrei Gromyko and his host, Anatoly Dobrynin, now one of Gorbachev's chief foreign policy advisers.

Details of the meetings have not been released in accordance with a pledge given by Nixon to the White House, but he would be briefing President Reagan on the visit, Nixon's spokesman said.

Soviet popstar says top singers blocked

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Government bureaucrats are obstructing many of the Soviet Union's best modern singers and cannot tell talent from mediocrity, the country's leading pop star said yesterday.

Alla Pugachova, the flamboyant queen of Soviet rock, told the newspaper Sovetskaya Kultura that many "bright individuals and creative personalities have difficulty breaking through the artistic councils at all levels."

She said a war had to be waged against bureaucracy, inactivity, indifference and suppression of initiative — terms echoing an official Kremlin campaign to instil more vigour in Soviet life, from culture to the economy.

Andreotti opens talks on cabinet

ROME (AP). — Veteran politician Giulio Andreotti, charged with resolving Italy's 3-week-old government crisis, began a working weekend yesterday by meeting with representatives from both sides of the Christian Democrat-Socialist impasse.

The five-time former premier, a Christian Democrat, is to report back tomorrow to President Francesco Cossiga, amid growing signs that Bettino Craxi's coalition would be resurrected. Craxi resigned as premier June 27 after a defeat in a secret vote in parliament.

Early elections are a third option.

Indo-Chinese parley 'highly successful'

BANGKOK (AP). — Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos concluded a number of cultural and economic agreements during a five-day conference held in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, the official Cambodian news agency SPK said yesterday.

The agency gave no details of the pacts but said the 7th Indo-Chinese conference for economic and cultural cooperation, which ended Friday, had been "highly successful."

East German wanted as spy denies he defected

EAST BERLIN. — East Berlin and Bonn are locked in dispute over a bizarre espionage tale of kidnapping, drugged drinks and blackmail, told by a senior East German professor from a diplomatic "hideaway" in Bonn.

Professor Herbert Meissner, deputy chairman of the elite Academy of Sciences, speaking from East Germany's mission in Bonn, told his countrymen over television on Friday night that West German agents tried to make him defect and "betray my country."

But Meissner escaped when secret service guards let him take a stroll on his own. He denied double-crossing his own secret service.

Bonn stood by its story that Meissner panicked after his arrest for shoplifting in West Berlin and asked to defect. He then reconsidered and fled to the East Berlin mission, where Bonn officials have posted a warrant for his arrest on suspicion of spying.

Meissner, a young-looking 59-year-old with short black hair and black-rimmed glasses, smiled and appeared relaxed as he related his version of events leading up to his arrival at the mission on July 14. He cannot be arrested in the mission, which has diplomatic status.

Meissner said his "kidnapping" was a clear attempt to strain East-West German relations and to induce a high-ranking East German official to defect. "It was a clear provocation," he said.

Wolfgang Vogel, who negotiated the East-West exchange last February of Soviet dissident Anatoly Shecharansky for several communist spies held in the West, has been asked by the East German government to take Meissner's case. West German government spokesman Friedhelm Ost said yesterday.

West Berlin police chief Manfred Kittlaus denied Meissner's allegations, saying, "Meissner made all of his statements voluntarily." (Reuters, AP)

CIA involvement alleged in Cuban bombed jet crash

MIAMI (Reuters). — A drug informer who was fatally shot in 1982 had accused the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of helping to plan the fatal bombing of a Cuban jet in 1976, the Miami News has reported.

The government-run Cubana Airlines jet exploded soon after take-off from Bridgetown, Barbados, killing all 73 people on board.

Quoting classified government documents, the paper said on Thursday the U.S. Justice Department probed the charges in 1982 but did not disclose its findings. The department declined to comment.

The Miami News said the probe of the bombing was revealed in 224 pages of heavily censored Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) documents released to the newspaper under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act.

The Miami News said a teletype from FBI director William Webster to the Miami FBI office said the informer, Ricardo "Monkey" Morales, told federal agents he planned the bombing "under the instructions of the CIA."

The teletype identified Morales as a former Venezuelan National Police Agency official, but according to the Miami News, he was also active as a drug dealer and police informer.

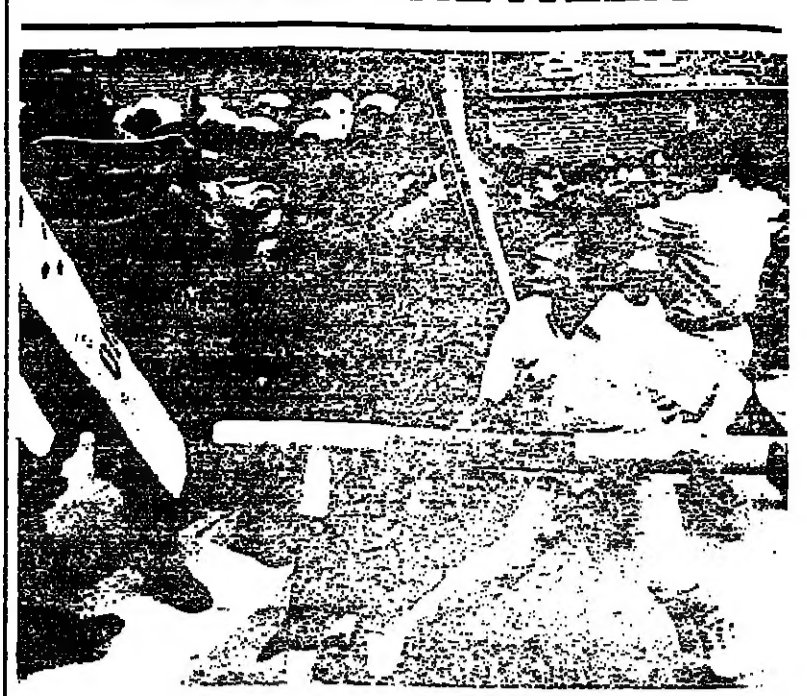
RABBIS. — The Rabbinical Council of America, representing over 1,000 Orthodox rabbis, is to dedicate its new Israel headquarters during its convention today at noon at 18 Rehov B'nai B'rith, Jerusalem.

Turkish Cypriots criticize Soviets

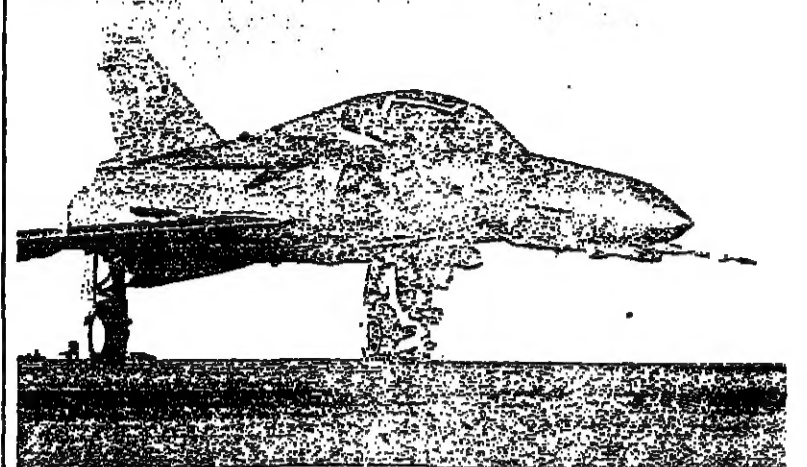
NICOSIA (AP). — Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş yesterday said that the Soviet Union's recognition of the Greek Cypriot government as the island's sole legitimate ruling body is a hindrance to a peaceful resolution to Cyprus's conflict.

His remarks came a day after Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vadim Longinov, on a visit to the southern Greek sector, reiterated that the Soviet Union did not recognize the breakaway Turkish Cypriot state.

PICK OF THE WEEK



South Korean riot police clash with thousands of youths in central Seoul yesterday after the government banned an opposition rally called to protest alleged torture of political detainees. (Reuters telephoto)



South Africa has unveiled a new jet fighter, the Cheeta, which was shown to the media for the first time. It is an updated version of the French Mirage and appeared to be similar to Israel's Kfir jet. (AFP telephoto)



A sea of garbage covers a three-block area of an emergency dump site in downtown Philadelphia in front of the city skyline as the strike of city municipal workers continues. (Reuters telephoto)



A fireman puts out fire amid burned cars after a car bomb explosion in central Madrid last Monday when nine civil guards were killed and 20 other people were injured. In the background is the bus which carried the civil guards. (AFP telephoto)

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Pro-Israel lobbying group faces charges that it harms Jewish interests

Aipac under fire

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. — The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (Aipac), the powerful pro-Israeli lobbying group in Washington, has always been condemned by Israel's Arab adversaries and their supporters in the U.S. Often, Aipac has also crossed paths with administration officials who have been angered by its policies and its influence in Congress.

Over the years, Aipac has come to expect and has grown accustomed to dealing with these kinds of complaints. They are, after all, an indication that the lobby is doing what it is supposed to do.

But lately, Aipac has faced a new wave of criticism from an unlikely source — namely, from some American Jews. They have charged that Aipac's supposed "heavy hand" in promoting a "single issue" — U.S. support for Israel — could actually generate a backlash against Israel and the American Jewish community.

And there have been a few outspoken critics of the group in Israel, as well, from the right as well as from the left.

Aipac's president, Bob Asher of Chicago, and its executive director, Tom Dine, responded to the complaints in an interview by first noting that Aipac is a registered domestic U.S. lobbying organization, representing Americans who want to strengthen U.S.-Israeli relations. It is not a foreign agent of the government of Israel and does not have to register as such with the U.S. Justice Department.

But because it is not a foreign agent, Aipac cannot receive any money or guidance from Israel. Aipac officials and Israeli leaders can, of course, talk to each other. And they do. But Aipac must maintain an independent posture. In recent years, the U.S. Justice Department has quietly investigated Aipac's relationship with the Israeli government, but no evidence was found of any wrongdoing.

And because it is a domestic political lobby, it cannot accept money from tax-exempt Jewish organizations, like the United Jewish Appeal and local community federations. That would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of those charitable groups. Aipac, therefore, must raise its own money. And that is by no means easy. These donations, mostly from American Jews, are not tax-deductible.

The group has had remarkable success with its sophisticated direct-mail campaign. This was especially true following the bitter 1981 battle over the sale of Awacs to Saudi Arabia, which Aipac narrowly lost. But even in defeat, the pro-Israeli lobby emerged with dignity, increased popularity and greater respect. Membership soared.

Six years ago, before the Awacs debate, Aipac had about 30 people on its staff. Today, there are close to 100. Its annual budget has grown from \$1.2 million to more than \$6 million. Membership has increased from 12,000 to 60,000.

The group operates regional offices across the country to raise money and to be involved in political organizing. Aipac has also developed an impressive presence on America's university campuses — an often-vital source of volunteers in tight campaigns. A new generation of young American Jewish activists are honing their pro-Israeli advocacy skills thanks to Aipac.

But with this growth has come all sorts of criticism — that Aipac is too large, too visible, too hard line, too independent, and too aggressive. An effective lobby is supposed to be quiet and as invisible as possible. It should stand behind legislation, never in front of it.

There have been complaints that Aipac is receiving too much publicity. Congressmen resent reading in *The New York Times* that Secretary of State George Shultz was personally negotiating some congressional compromise about U.S. arms sales to Arab countries or another issue with Aipac's Dine — rather than negotiating directly with the lawmakers. These kinds of stories reinforce the unseemly notion that the Jewish lobby somehow controls the Congress.

Some Jewish organizations, often jealous of Aipac's popularity, have charged that the lobby was usurping some of their traditional turf and taking on too much. The competition for Jewish talent and dollars, after all, is very real.

There are also widespread charges that Aipac has been too active behind the scenes in promoting single-issue pro-Israeli political action committees, or PACs which raise funds for politicians. There are about 70 pro-Israeli PACs around the country.

Aipac itself is not a PAC. Special laws govern campaign financing and PACs must file regular reports with

the Federal Election Commission. Aipac does not give money to candidates — but many of the PACs certainly look to Aipac for advice on candidates' records.

Aipac has also had its problems with various Israeli governments. Prime Minister Peres was not happy about Aipac's aggressive opposition last year to the Reagan administration's proposed arms sale to Jordan. But Aipac persisted, and the Administration withdrew its proposal.

In May, Labour MK Ora Namir returned to Israel from the U.S. to say that she was "very disturbed with the performance of Aipac, which will surely prove counter-productive for Israel's relations with the U.S."

She said Aipac's tough positions could result in "a kind of a backlash that could adversely affect American Jewry and Israel."

And the right wing in Israel has also complained about Aipac. Some senior aides to Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, especially Yosef Ben-Aharon, have often been upset over positions taken by Aipac.

"The Likud people want us to fight every fight," said Dine, recalling that Aipac, like the National Unity coalition government in Jerusalem, eventually dropped its active opposition to the administration's scaled-back missile sale to Saudi Arabia. Even without an aggressive Aipac-led campaign, however, that sale was still pushed through the Senate by a vote of one.

"Aipac is an organization that is completely political in this country and thinks in political terms," said Asher. "But in terms of Israel, we're apolitical. I guess if we get criticism from the Likud and from Labour, each saying we're in the other's camp, maybe we're doing our job the right way."

Asher said Aipac supports the elected government of Israel. "And we make no choice as to who is the government of Israel. That's Israel's job; that's what Israel's elections are for. Our job is to work with whichever government is there. And to be as helpful as we can in helping them understand the American Jewish community's position."

Dine said that Aipac is always eager to provide Israel "with more opportunities in its own security policy." He dismissed Ora Namir's complaints, saying, "She has never met me — to the best of my knowledge." He said Namir had not come to Aipac's Washington offices to learn first hand what the pro-Israeli

lobbying organization was all about.

Both Dine and Asher conceded that Aipac made some mistakes during the weeks leading up to the decision to drop out of the latest Saudi missile fight. Several friendly members of the Senate and House of Representatives, including Democratic Senator Alan Cranston of California and Democratic Representative Mel Levine of California and Larry Smith of Florida, were left way out on a limb in opposing the sale. They were accused by the administration of being "holier than the pope."

"I think that there is legitimate criticism of Aipac in terms of the process we followed on the Saudi arms sale," Asher said. "The decision that we reached, I believe, was a correct one. But the process was incorrect. We did not adequately consult with the Congress and with our own executive committee, and with our membership. And I think we learned a lesson from that."

He said Aipac consulted extensively more recently with its supporters before the group decided against organizing a major challenge to the administration's delivery of the first Awacs planes to Saudi Arabia at the end of June.

But probably the most often-heard complaint about Aipac from the traditionally liberal and democratic centres of the Jewish community is about its single-minded support for pro-Israeli politicians, even those opposed to so many other issues of Jewish concern.

Some of these critics have created Mipac — or the Multi-Issue Political Action Committee — in an effort to counter this growing perception that the Jewish community is strictly single-issue. Mipac will give money only to pro-Israeli candidates — but only to those who also support the traditionally liberal "Jewish" positions on such issues as prayer in schools, abortion, separation of church and state, poverty programmes.

Aipac, like most of the pro-Israeli PACs, supports both liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans. The only requirement is that the politicians support Israel. Thus, Aipac can work closely with Republican Senators Bob Kasten of Wisconsin and Alfonse D'Amato of New York, both right wing conservatives, and Democrats Alan Cranston of California and Chris Dodd of Connecticut, who are widely known liberals.

(The second of a three-part series.)

'Settlement of areas is hurting Galilee

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
MA'ALOT. — Mayor Shlomo Boubout has charged that the government's Judea-Samaria settlement campaign was at the expense of development in the Galilee, where Arabs now greatly outnumber Jews.

Recent television and newspaper advertisements encouraging families to move to the territories has infuriated Boubout, who has spent the past three years fighting for more housing in his township. He maintained that people are queuing up to settle in Ma'alot, but there is nowhere for them to live.

To illustrate his point, Boubout cited a tender, earlier this month, for the sale of 29 housing plots. "It took us three years of hard struggle before the Israel Lands Administration and the Housing Ministry agreed to allocate these sites. Within four days of issuing the tender, we had over 200 applications," he said.

"This proves how great the demand is. But instead of encouraging people to settle here the government's money and effort is being spent on developing Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip."

Boubout maintained that it is cheaper to expand development towns in the Galilee, like Ma'alot,

where infrastructure already exists, than to build up new settlements in the territories. It also makes more sense to settle "front line" border towns and settlements in the north — especially in view of the present population imbalance between Jews and non-Jews, he said.

Twelve years after the Ma'alot massacre in which terrorists killed 27 people — 23 of them children — the township is thriving.

Unlike many of its counterparts in the north, Ma'alot has a thriving industrial base, with high-tech as well as manufacturing industry, a high standard of education and many other amenities, including recreational facilities and a luxurious rest home.

Boubout maintained that people want to come to the township, which has a population of more than 8,000, because of that high standard of living.

"I'm hoping that with the new director-general of the Housing Ministry, there will be a better working atmosphere, and we will renew the development of five years ago, when we were building in every corner of the town," said Boubout.

"If the ministry would build 100 new homes and allocate us 100 housing plots a year we would have no difficulty in filling them," he said.

Beersheba reopens unit for checking air quality

By LIORA MORIEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — After a year of enforced closure "for technical reasons" the city air-pollution monitoring unit is functioning again, a municipal source told *The Jerusalem Post* here last week.

"The system did not have a data logger but this has now been put right," he explained. "For a year now we have been unable to check the levels of gases like sulphur in the air. We could only monitor the dust levels."

"Local residents sometimes call and complain about stench and breathing problems and we ourselves know what the chemical plants here are doing," he said. "But the monitoring unit, situated at the Institute for Applied Research of Ben-Gurion University, gives us a clearer picture of the sort of air we are breathing in."

The source added that the quality of the air in Beersheba had "dramatically improved since the Makhsheshim Chemical Works in town shut down its foul-smelling Cotonin in-

station in January and the city dug a ditch to channel the flow of chemical effluents from the plant to the Beersheba riverbed.

"The effluents used to collect in pools and then oxidize, resulting in terrible smells. The present solution is of course a short-term one, until the pipeline project is completed."

As first reported by *The Post* last month the pipeline, which is now under construction, will carry the smelly effluents from the plant directly to the Ramat Hovav Industrial Park area 12 km to the south and then at a later date, a further 8 km. The first stage of construction should be completed within two months and the next stage will take a few more months.

When the pipeline is completed, it will reach a reservoir which will be the site of a two-year research project to see whether the fluids can be used for irrigation after being treated. "They will probably be used to water the hardy tamarisk tree which has flourished along the riverbed even through the worst periods of chemical assault," the source said.

Landmark ruling made on illegal construction

By LIORA MORIEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — In what is widely seen as a landmark case, the Magistrates Court here last week meted out an unusually severe sentence to a Beduin who had constructed his home illegally.

Suleiman Mahmud Ibrahim, a member of the San'a tribe, was ordered to destroy the house, pay a large fine, and was given a seven-month sentence and five-month suspended sentence.

"This is the first time a court has sentenced anyone — Arab or Jew — so stiffly," Alon Galili, commander of the Green Patrol told *The Jerusalem Post*. The Green Patrol is a unit of the Nature Reserves Authority charged with detecting illegal activities in open areas. It was a Green Patrol inspector that first discovered Ibrahim's home in March 1983.

A month later the Beersheba Magistrates Court ordered the building razed by September. Two weeks after the court order, the regional planning council appealed the light sentence to the Southern District Court. But a three-judge panel disagreed. Ibrahim, they reasoned, "was caught in an impossible situation" because he had bought land in Lajia, but was prohibited to build on it by the authorities on security grounds.

Several months later, the Green Patrol returned to the site of Ibrahim's illegal home to find that it was still standing. They took him to court for a second time in an effort to get the house demolished. This time Ibrahim's attorney, Ram Yovel, argued that because the court had not designated who must destroy the house, Ibrahim was not responsible for the fact that it was still standing. Judge Zvi Segal rejected this point, although he did fault the regional authorities for failing to implement past court decisions.

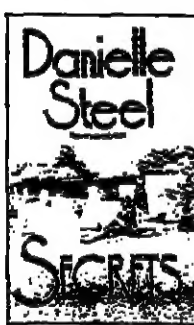
Since the regional planning committee habitually ignores court decisions — neither demolishing illegal structures itself nor instructing another unit or the owner to do so — the Beduin assumes that local officials have a policy of ignoring their illegal actions, noted Segal. Therefore, he said, he had to hand down a sentence that would deter others from illegal construction.

After Yovel promised that Ibrahim would destroy the house within 30 days, Segal agreed to defer his prison term pending an appeal, and allowed him to pay his fine in five instalments.

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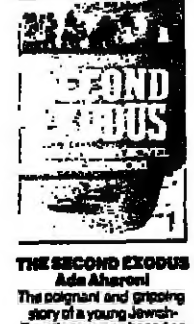
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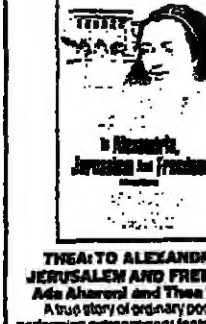
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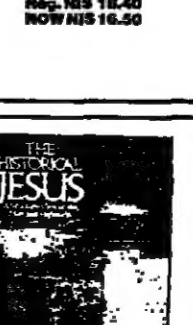
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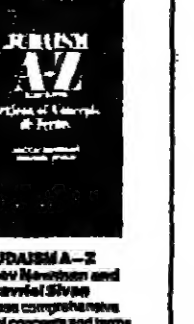
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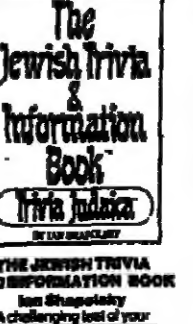
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Berlin memorial honours Nazi resistance heroes

BERLIN (AP). — A memorial to resistors of the Nazi regime opens tomorrow in the building where German generals were executed after a failed attempt on Adolf Hitler's life.

"We owe something to the people who dared to rise up [against Hitler] because they could no longer bear to see human rights trampled," West Berlin spokesman Wilfried Festsaid in showing reporters the nine of 18 exhibition rooms that will be included.

Festsaid it was "correct and important" that the resistance museum would be located in the Bendler Block building, where dissident army generals were executed after the unsuccessful July 20, 1944 attempt to kill Hitler with a bomb left under his table.

Other museums or monuments in West Germany have dealt only with part of the Nazi resistance, such as the Bergen-Belsen and Dachau concentration camp memorials, Festsaid.

He said the \$2.7 million permanent exhibition here, named "Resistance to National Socialism," would be comprehensive, with about 5,500 documents, pictures and objects.

Themes will include "The destroyed republic," a reference to the Weimar Republic Democracy that was subverted with Hitler's 1933 takeover. "Resistance within the labour movement until 1939"; and "Opposition out of Christian belief."

A key exhibition will be "Stauffenberg and the assassination attempt of July 20, 1944." Count Klaus von Stauffenberg, the ring-leader of the failed conspiracy, and three other generals were executed in the courtyard of the Bendler Block.

The second half of the memorial will be opened at the end of next year, Festsaid.



Former refusniks, including Yosef Mendeleovich (right), demonstrate last week in front of Prime Minister Peres's house in response to reports of a possible improvement in Israeli-Soviet relations. The demonstrators demanded that Peres keep his commitment to make any improvement in relations conditional on releasing Soviet Jews. (Scoop 80)

Fishbreeders use less water than other farmers

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — It sounds fishy, but fishbreeders use less water than any other branch of farming. They alone are not worried by the cut in water allocations for agriculture.

"We use saline water, which is useless for any other produce, almost exclusively. When we use other water, we divert it to irrigation in the autumn when water is in short supply," Amnon Levin, secretary of the Fishbreeders' Union, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

There are 30,000 dunams of fishponds in the country, producing 14,000 tons of fish annually. Revenues total \$25m. to \$30m.

In the Beit She'an valley, in the coastal area and in some parts of Galilee the ponds are filled with saline water containing between

1,000 and 1,200 milligrams of chlorine.

Kibbutz Ayelet Hashahar produces 300 tons of fish annually in the Einar reservoir, which was specifically built to prevent saline water from going into Lake Kinneret. Other settlements also grow fish in catchment reservoirs but vacate them when the water is needed for irrigation in September and October.

According to Levin, Israel "could double production without additional water, but there is no market for more fish. Currently we supply only one-third of the country's fish consumption. If the government would adjust its policies and allow the importation of only complementary quantities, we would be saving foreign currency and earning higher incomes."

Special team formed to spur Arabic studies

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A special team to encourage the teaching of Arabic to Jewish pupils has been set up by Education Minister Navon, it has been announced.

The aim, Navon said, was to work towards a situation in which all Israeli children study Arabic and Arab culture.

Navon, himself a former teacher of Arabic, said the first stage of the plan was already under way. The team had been given a budget of \$150,000 to set up a new programme of Arabic studies and to provide teaching aids.

Jewish group again barred from European body

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI

BONN. — The All European Youth and Student Cooperation has again refused to admit the European Union of Jewish Students as a member organization, the EUJS said yesterday, after a weekend meeting of the umbrella organization.

Representatives of Soviet and East German student and youth organizations made it clear that they would not agree to the admission of the EUJS. At the last AEYSC conference four years ago in Cyprus, East European representatives blocked the EUJS's admission. They based their refusal on claims by Arab youth organizations that the EUJS

was an official representative of the state of Israel.

Following informal talks in Bonn, the EUJS was accorded the status of an organization officially recognized as wishing to join the AEYSC framework. While the EUJS application is being considered by a special commission, the organization will be allowed to participate in AEYSC activities.

NEEDLES. — The Soviet Health Ministry has ordered all alcoholism treatment centres to buy needles after successful experiments by Moscow doctors in treating alcoholics by acupuncture, the trade union daily *Trud* said on Friday.

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POET and translator Marcia Falk is fond of Martin Buber's observation that "All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveller is unaware."

Now visiting Israel ("my spiritual home"), Falk is associate professor of literature and creative writing at the Conservative Movement's University of Judaism in Los Angeles. She recently spoke to *The Jerusalem Post* about her own creative and spiritual journeys.

Falk's current work in progress is *The Book of Blessings: A Feminist Jewish Reconstruction of Prayer*.

"For a long time I have struggled with the traditional Hebrew liturgy, attempting to make it work for me. I finally had to acknowledge that, unlike Humpty Dumpty, I could not make words mean whatever I wanted them to. I simply could not trick myself into believing that the traditional Hebrew prayers expressed the theology out of which I live."

At the same time, she is deeply attached to Jewish history and tradition - particularly to the "Hebrew poetic tradition that produced the liturgy that appears in our *siddur* today."

But tradition, for Falk, was not "fixed and finished" at any particular point in history. She sees tradition, rather, as "process and change, the movement of the past into the future, the continual forging of links on an unending chain." The old prayers, she notes, "were once the new poetic creations of individuals living in particular cultures and times."

Many contemporary Jews recite the traditional Hebrew prayers "as if

they have some kind of magic," with little or no knowledge of what the words mean. Many of those who do understand the traditional liturgy feel uncomfortable with it. "They feel the prayers don't express their own sentiments about spirituality, religiosity, what it means to be Jewish, what it means to be human, what God means."

During the past few years, Falk began to feel increasingly uncomfortable with the traditional prayers. "I felt that I could no longer utter even the simplest blessings I'd used in my daily life," she says. "I felt a real lack when I could no longer say the prayer that ends 'ha-motzi lehem min ha-aretz' before eating a piece of bread. There was no way to pay attention to the moments of life as a Jew."

Falk's solution was to create her own blessings - in Hebrew and English - for bread, wine, kiddush, havdala, and other significant "moments," including her own recent wedding ceremony.

She finds it particularly disturbing that in the traditional liturgy God is referred to repeatedly as *ata* - a male "thou" or "you." "The images depicting God are not only exclusively male, but also painfully patriarchal - God as Lord, as King of the universe. Those aren't images I can relate to," she says.

But referring to God as feminine did not seem a completely adequate solution either. Falk therefore begins many of her blessings with first person plural - *n-varech* (let us bless). "That one change from *baruch* to *n-varech* was very empowering," she says. "It opened my imagination to the images and metaphors through which I wanted

Taking a spiritual journey

Poet Marcia Falk maintains that it is hard for many Jews to identify with traditional prayer liturgy. Beth Uval reports.



The finger of god: Michelangelo's 'Creation of Man.'

to address the Divine."

And prayer, she emphasizes, is a question of metaphors and images. "That's all we have to work with. A monotheistic deity, she feels, can - and should - be represented by multiple metaphors. "One divinity doesn't mean one metaphor." Judaism's tradition of liturgical growth "which somehow became ossified" allows for new images, she says.

In several of her blessings, Falk refers to the Divine as *ein hahaim* - the source of life. "I love that phrase, not only because it happens to be grammatically feminine, but because it has such wonderful resonance of place and rootedness in the Israeli landscape." Thus, her blessing over bread is "*N-varech et ein hahaim ha-motzi lehem min ha-aretz*" - "Let us bless the source of life that brings forth bread from the earth." The blessing for wine is "Let us bless the source of life that ripens fruit on the vine."

In the wedding ceremony, the blessing for wine is followed by "May our love be an ever-flowing fountain, our marriage a garden rich with fruit," and "may our home be hallowed by kindness, compassion, and truth."

Falk finds it "interesting" that she has been attacked as a pagan for using the land image to represent the deity. "I think that indicates a shallow understanding of the function of metaphor," she says. "I'm not praising the land as divine any more than I would hope, the Jew who says 'King of the universe' is literally praising a king."

Positive reactions to the blessings have been equally intense. During the past year, Falk has lectured and conducted workshops on her blessings in numerous American communities. "There's a hunger out there," she says. "People want ways of being authentically Jewish."

The journey that led to her current work on the blessings, Falk tells *The Jerusalem Post*, began over 15 years ago with her study and eventual verse translation of the Song of Songs. "Although I wasn't consciously looking for a text spoken by women, I ended up choosing the only text in the Bible spoken more by women than by men, the song helped me feel, as a Jewish woman, that there were voices behind me." The work was published in 1977.

As Falk finished her work on the Song of Songs (which included a literary study, *Love Lyrics from the Bible*, published in 1982), she began to look for other biblical texts to translate. "I wasn't able to find anything I could articulate in my own voice, as I'd done with the Song of Songs. Questioning why that was so, I began to realize that it had a lot to do with my being a woman, and the Bible being essentially a male, patriarchal text. I couldn't have known then that I'd end up writing a new liturgy, but I think that was the beginning of the journey I'm on now," she says.

"All my work is related to Israel in one way or another," Falk continues. Her numerous translations of contemporary Israeli poetry, as well as her own poems, have appeared in journals and anthologies in both the U.S. and Israel. She has published a volume of translations of Yiddish poetry, *Am I Also You*, and *This Year in Jerusalem*, a volume of poems she wrote during her various stays in Jerusalem, will also appear this summer.

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1 cup drained pineapple pieces
1 cup chopped apricots
1/2 cup chopped glacé cherries
2 cups marshmallows, quartered
1 cup cream, whipped
Few drops red food colouring

Gradually add the salad dressing or mayonnaise to the cream cheese and mix till well blended and smooth. Add the icing sugar, pineapple, apricots, cherries and a few drops of red colouring. Fold in the quartered (or miniature) marshmallows and the whipped cream.
Freeze till firm in a 24 x 12 1/2 x 7 1/2 cm. loaf pan. Remove from freezer just before serving this delicious dish of ice-cream.

Heavenly Chocolate-Almond Velvet
3/4 cup chocolate syrup
1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
2 cups cream
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup slivered blanched almonds, toasted

Combine the chocolate syrup, condensed milk, cream and vanilla. Chill. Whip till fluffy and soft peaks form. Fold in the nuts. Pour into refrigerator tray. Freeze until firm, and serve sprinkled with toasted almonds. 8-10 servings.

Miracle Parve Ice-Cream
4 eggs separated
120 gm. sugar
1 container Telma whip
1 tsp. vanilla essence

Beat egg whites, then add one egg yolk at a time. Gradually add the sugar. In another bowl beat the Telma whip and add the vanilla essence. When stiff, fold the cream into egg mixture.

Freeze in two trays. No need to beat it up again, and it keeps for a long time. Serve as is or with chopped nuts. Chocolate or raspberry syrup improves it and delights the palate.

Caramel Nut Ice-Cream
100 gm. sugar
4 tbs. water
2 egg whites
1/2 tsp. almond essence
1 cup cream, whipped
1 level tsp. icing sugar
60 gm. flaked almonds

Place sugar and water in a pan. Heat, gently stirring until sugar dissolves. Boil steadily until mixture becomes a golden brown. Cool.

Whisk egg whites with almond essence until thick, fold in half whipped cream sweetened with icing sugar. Put into freezing tray and freeze for about 30 minutes.

Turn into a bowl, whip lightly and fold in remaining half of sweetened cream, cooled caramel and nuts. Freeze until firm. Top with nuts.

Basic Dessert Crepe.

1 1/4 cups flour
2 tbs. sugar
Pinch of salt
3 eggs
1 1/2 cups milk (see note)
2 tbs. margarine (30 gm.)
1/2 tsp. lemon or rum essence

Place all ingredients in blender or mixer and mix well. Let batter stand one hour for a more perfect crepe.

If you don't possess a dome crepe maker (blinzes maker) then use a non-stick or a small 15cm. pan which has to be greased and then heated enough to make a drop of water dance or jump off. Pour enough batter into the hot skillet to coat the bottom thinly. Rotate the pan quickly and pour off any batter that doesn't set immediately. If batter is too thick add a little more liquid, if too thin add a little more flour. Crepes, when finished, should be golden, not brown in colour and almost transparent.

Note: For parve crepes substitute Telma whip for milk.

Makes 20-22 crepes.

Favourite Crepes Suzette

60 gm. butter or margarine
1/4 cup orange liqueur (Curaçao)
1/4 cup orange juice
1 tbs. fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup icing sugar

Grate the zest of one orange. Melt butter or margarine in hot chafing-dish. Add sugar. Stir in liqueur, juices and orange zest. Gently place folded crepes (fold in half and then half again) wedges in chafing-dish and spoon sauce over them. Sprinkle with additional icing sugar and flame with 3 tbs. each orange liqueur and brandy. Serve immediately.

Jam Log Dessert

Spread 2 tsp. of your favourite jam on each crepe and fold. Serve cold or warmed in oven. Sprinkle with icing sugar, may be served with whipped cream, sour cream or a brandy sauce.

Chantilly Crepes

1 pkt. (80-90gm.) instant vanilla pudding
1 1/2 cups cold milk
3 tbs. each lemon and orange juice
1 cup cream or Telma whip, whipped
A few toasted almonds

Mix pudding and milk as instructed on box. Allow it to partially set and fold in whipped cream or whip. Add lemon and orange juice. Chill. Spoon desired amount of Chantilly pudding in crepes, fold and top with fresh fruit and garnish with toasted almonds.

Variations:
Rum Chantilly: Omit lemon and orange juice and use quarter cup dark rum.
Pineapple Chantilly: Omit juices and add 1 small can crushed drained pineapple, roll crepes and garnish with additional chunks of pineapple and toasted almonds.

Fruits in season: Prepare fresh in season fruits and spoon generous

amounts in each crepe, fold and top with cream or ice-cream.

Crepes Alaska: Place a scoop of desired flavoured ice-cream on each crepe. Roll. Cover with choice of hot dessert sauces. May be filled ahead of time and frozen.

Crepes with Peach Sauce

Filling:
250 gm. cream cheese
2 tbs. sugar
4 tbs. cream
(Use crepe recipe)

Beat the cream cheese, 2 tbs. sugar and the cream until light and fluffy. Spread each crepe with some cheese mixture and fold the crepes in quarters.

Arrange in a buttered heatproof serving dish. Place in preheated 350°F/180°C/Mar 4 oven for 10 minutes. Prepare the peach sauce while the crepes are heating.

Peach sauce:
1 cup drained canned sliced peaches
2 tbs. sugar
3 tbs. warm rum

Cook the peaches and sugar over a low heat for two minutes. Add the rum and pour over the crepes and set aflame. Makes about 18-20 crepes.

Dessert Sauces

Foamy Spirit Sauce
1 cup icing sugar
120 gm. butter or margarine, softened
2 eggs, separated
1 tbs. brandy, rum or fruit-flavoured liquor

Cream sugar and butter or margarine in top of a double boiler. Add beaten egg yolks. Cook until thickened. Add stiffly beaten egg whites and alcohol of your choice.

Serve warm over the dessert you are serving.

Walnut Sauce

1 cup maple syrup
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 cup (3 tbs.) water
100 gm. walnuts, chopped

Bring syrup, salt and water to a boil. Add walnuts. Simmer for 20 minutes. Serve cold.

Stuffed Peaches

60 gm. blanched almonds (macaroons are ideal)

Put into blender goblet, switch on until finely chopped. Whisk half a cup cream and fold in the nuts and crumbs with 30 gm. sieved icing sugar and 1 tbs. cherry brandy. Put mixture into well drained peach halves or halved fresh peaches now that they are in season.

"Tipsy" Apple or Apricot

1 1/2 cup thick apple puree
50 gm. (1/2 pkt.) walnuts
50 gm. coconut
50 gm. stale cake broken into pieces
2 tbs. brandy

Put all into the blender and switch on until blended. Put into glasses and top with cream and nuts. Try this with apricots too. 4 servings.

Iced Coffee Whip

Put a few small ice cubes or some crushed ice into the blender goblet. Add 1/2 cup strong coffee with 2 tsp. cocoa added to the coffee and a spoonful of vanilla ice-cream and switch on until smoothly blended.

Serve in a tall glass topped with whipped cream.

To vary: Add 1/2 tsp. cinnamon and omit the cocoa, or omit the ice-cream and add 1 cup cream.

The above ingredients will make one glass.

Frosty Cream Dessert

1 cup milk
1 level tsp. custard powder
2 egg yolks
1/2 tsp. vanilla essence
3 level tbs. castor sugar
1/2 cup cream
4 meringues, crushed

The sauce:
6 level tbs. jam (blackcurrant is best)
4 tbs. water

Cut out two circles of greaseproof paper the size of base of 15 cm. cake tin, brush the tin with a little oil. Place one piece of greaseproof paper in position in tin and brush the lining with oil.

In a pan blend egg yolks with custard powder and enough milk to make a smooth consistency, then stir in remainder of milk with the vanilla essence and sugar. Place pan over the heat and, stirring all the time, bring the custard to the boil so that it thickens. Cover the surface with a piece of damp greaseproof paper, then leave the pan in a cool place for the custard to become quite cold then pour it into an ice cube tray (first remove the divisions) and place the tray in the freezer for about 20 minutes or until it starts to freeze.

Turn the mixture into a bowl and whisk it until smooth - this reduces the size of the crystals. Whisk the cream until it just holds its shape. Then stir the cream and the crushed meringues into the custard mixture.

Turn the mixture into the prepared cake tin and spread the surface level. Cover the surface with the other circle of greaseproof paper, then place the tin in freezer and leave it until set, preferably overnight.

Mix the jam with the water in a pan and bring to the boil so that the ingredients combine to make a fairly thin sauce.

Remove the dessert from freezer about 15 minutes before it is to be served and turn it onto a serving

dish. Pour over the dessert some of the slightly warm sauce and serve the remainder in a jug. 6-8 servings.

Chocolate Charlotte Russe

1 envelope (1 tbs.) unflavoured gelatine
2 tbs. cold water
90 gm. unsweetened chocolate
1/2 cup water
4 eggs, separated
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla essence
Pinch of salt
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
1/4 cup sugar
1 cup cream or 1 container whip, whipped

1/2 cup (50 gm.) walnuts or pecans, chopped
3 doz. lady fingers
Soften gelatine in 2 tbs. cold water. Melt chocolate in half a cup water over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, add softened gelatine, stir to dissolve. Beat egg yolks till thick and lemon-coloured. Gradually beat in half cup sugar, add vanilla and pinch of salt. Gradually stir in chocolate mixture. Cool. Then stir until smooth.

Beat egg whites and cream of tartar to soft peaks. Gradually add quarter cup sugar, beating until peaks are stiff. Fold chocolate mixture into the beaten whites. Fold in whipped cream or whip and nuts. Set aside 10 lady fingers. Line bottom of 20cm. spring-form with lady fingers, cutting to fit. Line sides by standing lady fingers on end all round. Fill with half the chocolate mixture, then form a layer with the reserved lady fingers on the chocolate mixture. Top with remaining chocolate mixture. Chill overnight or, if made well in advance, the Charlotte can be frozen.

Variation. A layer of strawberries can be added onto the layer of lady fingers. 8-10 servings

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

SHAMIR INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED (1) CONDENSED STATEMENT AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1985 Adjusted for the effect of changes in the general purchasing power of the Israeli currency (In New Sheqels)

BALANCE SHEET

	As at December 31, 1985	1984 (2)
Company's Capital	1,888,938	944,337
Provision for Future Taxation	57,170	81,854
Funds for General Insurance	4,996,897	4,263,869
Fund for Extra-Ordinary Risk Reserve	220,000	160,833
Outstanding Claims	8,894,446	3,291,991
Insurance Companies and Brokers:		
Deposits and Other Accounts	4,179,444	4,582,548
Other Liabilities and Credit Balances	927,848	521,091
	<u>19,164,539</u>	<u>13,926,423</u>

STATEMENT OF GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS

	Year 1985	1984 (2)
Premium Increase in Insurance Funds	13,463,794	10,959,446
Investment Income	(1,086,655)	(2,270,401)
Claims for the year	1,114,283	(192,952)
Funds for Special Risks	(11,988,733)	(7,672,604)
Management and General Expenses and Commission	(56,182)	(96,589)
Registration and other Fees	(10,296,238)	(9,141,225)
Profit for the year	<u>9,353,562</u>	<u>8,944,136</u>

Explanation (1) All figures are presented on Retention basis.

(2) Restated and reclassified.

A full and detailed Statement, with the Notes of the Company's Management including Auditors Report will be delivered to the Company's Offices at Petach-Tikva Road No. 53, Tel Aviv, to every applicant.

2. This publication is made in accordance with the Law for Supervision of Insurance Business, 1981.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

A. GOLTS Chairman E. BHANI General Manager and Director

	As at December 31, 1985	1984 (2)
Government and Government Guaranteed Bonds	2,073,003	2,256,364
Other Securities	165,241	-
Loans and Deposits with Banks:	3,593,109	2,049,441
Investments in Other Insurance companies	19	52
Real-Estate and Fixed Assets	1,122,505	234,695
Insurance Companies and Brokers: Other Accounts	1,477,256	1,680,853
Premium for Collection and Agents' Balances	7,019,040	5,435,879
Sundry Debtors and Debt Balances	84,468	51,527
Cash and Deposits at Call with Banks	3,473,995	953,738
Other Assets	176,000	261,073
	<u>19,164,539</u>	<u>13,926,423</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	Year 1985	1984 (2)
Income from General Insurance Revenue Account	537,633	529,853
Investment Income not included in Insurance Accounts	287,869	217,987
Management and General Expenses not charged to Insurance Accounts	(60,755)	(80,451)
Profit for the year before provision for taxes	764,747	667,389
Provision for Income and Profit tax	585,433	225,003
Net Profit	<u>169,314</u>	<u>442,386</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN COMPANY'S CAPITAL For the two years ended December 31, 1985

	Share Capital and Premium	Surplus (Deficiency)	Total Company's Capital
Balance as at January 1, 1984	1,742,853	(1,260,702)	481,951
Profit for the year	-	462,386	462,386
Balance as at December 31, 1984	1,742,853	(798,316)	944,337
Allotment of Share Capital	775,285	-	775,285
Profit for the year	-	169,314	169,314
Balance as at December 31, 1985	<u>2,517,938</u>	<u>(629,002)</u>	<u>1,888,938</u>

POSITION OF MARGIN IN SOLVENCY.

	in 000's NIS
A) Margin of Solvency required	2,815
Amount Available, determined as per Regulations	1,786
Deficit	(1,029)
B) Paid-up Share Capital due	1,708
Amount Available, determined as per Regulations	1,208
Deficit	(500)

SHAMIR INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.



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DAVIS CUP

Shlomo saves Israel for 2-1 lead

By ORI LEWIS
THE HAGUE — Shlomo Glickstein emerged once again as Israel's hero of the tennis courts as he brought his country to a 2-1 lead over the weekend in the Group B semi-final of the Davis Cup. On Friday afternoon, an immense burden was placed on the broad shoulders of the veteran Israeli as he went out to play the Dutch No. 1 racket, Michiel Schapers, ranked 56 in the world, compared to Glickstein's 290, after the Dutch No. 2, Menno Oosting, ranked 156, had overwhelmed Amos Mansdorf, ranked 80, 6-0, 6-4, 6-1, by means of some brilliant all-court tennis.

On paper, Shlomo's task seemed hopeless. He has been having an unlucky and unsuccessful run in Grand Prix tournaments, while Schapers is on a high run. But, as always, playing for his country rather than himself seemed to inspire Shlomo to reach great heights, although it took 4½ hours before he had vanquished Schapers 7-5, 2-6, 11-9, 9-7. It turned out that playing on clay worked to Shlomo's advantage, as Schapers likes to rush the net, and Shlomo's great experience enabled him to play a better all-court game.

Yesterday, partnered by Shahar Perkis, Glickstein won the doubles 2-6, 6-4, 10-8, 6-0. Today Glickstein plays the in form Oosting, and Mansdorf encounters Schapers.

When Mansdorf warmed up against Oosting in the first match on Friday in blustery conditions, there was no indication of the tennis storm that was to come. From the minute the match started, Oosting com-



HERO. — Shlomo Glickstein saves Israel again in Davis Cup.

pletely dominated the court, and in next to no time had taken the first set 6-0 without even token resistance from Mansdorf. In the second set, Amos played better, and looked more like the Mansdorf we know and admire, but still could not cope with his opponent's pace. The Dutchman won 6-4, and then raced to a 5-0 lead in the third set, eventually taking it 6-1.

Glickstein had beaten Schapers in their last Davis Cup encounter at Ramat Gan, but that had been when their ranking had been very different. But here, on the clay, Shlomo, who must be one of the cleverest and most cunning players ever to step on a tennis court, used his brain to bewilder and ultimately to break his opponent. Shlomo used variations of pace, spin, depth, lobs and audacious drop shots.

In the first set he took an early lead of 4-1. Schapers fought back to level at 5-5, then Glickstein broke service and ran out a winner 7-5. But, in the second set, he seemed to have great difficulty with his service, and went down 6-2.

The match was then 1½ hours old, and Shlomo looked very tired. Yet he hung in there, and the set went to 5-5. He broke Schapers to lead 6-5, only to lose his service. Then the set went on till 9-9, when Shlomo broke Schapers and held his own serve to take the set 11-9.

After the rest allowed at the end of third set, both players seemed to be invigorated. Glickstein had match point at 5-3, but Schapers saved it, fought back, took the game and levelled the scores thereafter at 5-5. The set went to 7-7. Then Glickstein broke Schapers' serve again, to lead 8-7. He led 8-0 on his service, but Schapers, fighting valiantly, saved three match points. Thereafter he saved three more before Shlomo clinched the set 9-7.

In yesterday's doubles, all the players seemed to be rather nervous at the beginning, apart from Oosting, who was partnered by Erik van Boeckel. The Dutchman took the first set 6-2. Oosting remained the best player on the court throughout.

Shahar Perkis was the standard of the two Israelis, and eventually Shlomo settled down, enabling them to take the second set 6-4, with Shlomo playing second ball to Shahar.

The third set was a battle of nerves. Oosting was both serving very strongly and hitting fiery returns off the Israeli's services, giving the Dutch pair a 3-0 lead. But the Israelis recovered and broke van Boeckel. With the score 5-4, Glickstein was down 0-40 on his service, but he saved three match points and then the game. The next break came at 8-8, when the Israeli broke van Boeckel again. Perkis took his serve and the set 10-8. The disgruntled Dutchman offered little resistance in the third set and went down 6-4.

Yesterday's weather was warm and sunny, and the atmosphere of the club serene. The officiating was excellent and very fair, the matches were all played in a very quick spirit, and all the players behaved perfectly.

Other Davis Cup results:

Sweden lead Italy 3-0; Australia lead England 3-0; Czechoslovakia lead Yugoslavia 3-0; China and Japan are level on 1-1; Argentina lead Peru 3-0; America and Mexico are tied 1-1; South Korea lead Thailand 3-0; Japan lead China 2-1; Austria lead Romania 2-1.

Riva dazzles tired Israel

By YITZHAK KESTENBOUM
MADRID. — Israel's National basketball team crumbled in the second half of their game against Italy. Israel, down only 43-48 at the interval against the Italians, completely fell apart and succumbed by a final score of 78-100.

The Israelis seemed to be too exhausted and perhaps a trifle complacent because they had got so far. Only Lavon Mercer, with 20 points on 66 per cent shooting, 11 rebounds and Mickey Berkowitz with 21 points in 28 minutes of play showed any inclination to go all out. Antonello Riva riddled Israel's porous defence for 39 points in leading his team to victory. Veteran Luigi Mazorati was almost as unstoppable.

Tonight at 10 p.m., in a game to be carried live by Israel TV, the Soviet Union play the U.S. for the championship. (The game will be televised from 10.30 p.m.) In Thursday night's semi-final between the USSR and Yugoslavia, the USSR were down nine points with one minute to go, but three Russian three-point players each as the result of Yugoslavian turnovers, sent the game into overtime, and the Soviet Union finally won an astonishing match 91-90.

The U.S. team is the youngest in the tournament, with the average age only 21. Point guard Tyrone Rogers, just 1.60 metres in height, is easily the smallest — but fastest man of any team on the court.

The Russians have a good mix of young stars and veterans. They are led by their giant young centre, Arvids Sabonis, 2.18. The point guard Valters has proven to be one of the leaders in the Soviet department for the tournament and keeps his team on pace extremely well.

TURNBERRY, Scotland (Reuter).

Greg Norman survived a bad second nine in atrocious weather to cling to a one-stroke lead over Japan's Tsuneyuki Nakajima after the third round of the British Open Golf Championship yesterday.



CLOSE CALL. — Crazy Richard's Robby Weinstein (left) slides into second as Maccabi's Shai Weiss puts on the tag a moment too late.

(Hanech Guthmann)

Maccabi TA champs again

By GOOSE GILLET

Special to The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. — Defending champions Maccabi Tel Aviv yesterday overcame a 4-1 deficit to edge Crazy Richard 5-4 in the dramatic finale of the Israel Softball A League's play-off at the Sportek diamond here. The two teams had split last weekend's double-header in the best-of-three series.

The first two innings were scoreless, but the third belonged to Crazy Richard. Larry Leisbon led off with a single into left field. Rick Fox followed with a strikeout. Marty Einhorn then added a single to put men on first and second. This set the stage for Crazy Richard ace hurler Ari Kanterewicz, who took fireballing Tito Shlomovitch's pitch "down town," to make it 3-0.

Mike Rubinstein next walked, and with heads-up base running stole second, third and scored on a lead throw by Shlomo Shubich, to make it 4-0 and cause jubilation in the noisy

Crazy Richard camp.

Maccabi Tel Aviv scored a run in the bottom of the fourth on a single by Manuel Melicon, to make the score 4-1. Manuel was one of three Melicon brothers on the team, along with Alex and Yael.

Then came the disastrous fifth inning for Crazy Richard. Maccabi's Meyer Rafan led off with a walk. Fox made a fantastic stop on a ground ball but threw it away to put men on first and second. The damage came with two outs. Mike Rosenblum hit a single up the middle, bringing in two runs, to cut the lead to 4-3. Alex Melicon got on by an error, to put runners on second and third. Once again, another key hit by brother Manuel drove in two runs, to give Maccabi Tel Aviv the lead for the first time in this closely-fought battle.

Crazy Richard were given one last chance to come back in the top of the seventh. Einhorn led off with a single, but his team-mates failed to come through, stranding him on first base, and giving Maccabi their second straight championship title.

The end. "It was survival out there," he said. Nakajima, who scrambled his way to a one-over-par 71, finished before the worst of the weather hit Norman and is within sight of becoming the first Japanese to win a major title. "As a child I saw pictures of the Open. Then, later, I watched it on TV. Now I feel I'm really in it," he said. "If I win, I'll probably meet our prime minister."

Survival in the Open

The Australian, who shot a championship record-equaling seven-under-par 63 on Friday, had a 74 as his overnight lead was halved. He had 40 on the back nine for a 54-hole one-over-par total of 211 after a round played in heavy rain, wind and cold which grew worse right to

Mac 'the nice': It's kind of weird

LOS ANGELES (Reuter). — Yoga has not yet instilled him with the patience of an Eastern mystic but John McEnroe maintains fatherhood and a six-month layoff from tennis have changed him both philosophically and physically.

A mellower McEnroe told a press conference he was very excited about resuming full-time tennis in a Grand Prix tournament next month in Vermont which he is using as preparation for the U.S. Open.

His nose burned red by the California sun, McEnroe said his life with actress Tatum O'Neal and their seven-week-old son Kevin had so fundamentally altered his outlook that people might some day forget the McEnroe who ranted and raved about every perceived injustice on and off the court.

"Family life, it changes you, but it's just the best thing that's ever happened to me," McEnroe said last week as he faced the press for the first time since February. "It's almost like I'm going to be too nice. It's kind of a weird thing," he said, laughing along with his sceptical audience.

Asked if his newfound niceness would extend to the linesmen and judges he has so often treated with venomous scorn, the 27-year-old New Yorker said:

"Hopefully, yeah. Some of it's just the willingness to accept sometimes that you're wrong. I've just got to look at it differently, not waste my energy on that."

"It's cost me the French Open final. It's cost me some big matches that I wish I could have got back. I do need to get pumped up sometimes within myself, but there are still going to be times when I get angry."

McEnroe still ranked seventh in the world, said he now felt he had to exercise and take care of himself "for the rest of the '80s."

"If you had asked me about these things (yoga, running, diet) even a year ago I would have laughed it off. But now things are different," he said.

McEnroe said he did not pick up a racket in his first two months off. But he has been working out for the last six weeks and feels he just needs a few weeks of match toughness to regain the form which made him the world number one.



REFORMED CHARACTER. — Butcher would not melt in his mouth.

"I'm probably in better shape than I ever was," he said. "It might come back fast. I hope it does. I'm just going to kind of flow with it."

McEnroe will play his first competitive match since he was knocked out in the first round of the Masters last January when he meets current number one Ivan Lendl here this week in a four-man challenge series.

He said his 1986 goal was to qualify for the Grand Prix Masters, although winning his fourth U.S. Open was not out of the question.

"Being a perfectionist is difficult because you only look at things one way. In a certain sense you want to keep that but I don't want to have it about everything because my whole life used to be like this," he said, forming a tunnel with his hands.

Despite his new image there were still glimpses of McEnroe's familiar outspoken style during the hour-long conference.

Of Boris Becker he said: "I don't think people should be building him up into something he's not. What he is a great tennis player right now, and he's going to have to work hard to improve himself."

And of the British press who have consistently given the American a very hard time: "You have to have facts when you're talking about a human being. I think they've forgotten that over there, that I'm a human being."

But McEnroe preferred to talk about tennis which he was pleased to note had missed him while he was away.

"A lot of people came up to me and said they don't even watch it (tennis) anymore. That's about the best compliment I could get. Not that I want people not to watch tennis, but right now it's not where it should be compared with the excitement we had," he said.

BASEBALL

Mets blanked, 1st time in 110 games

NEW YORK (AP). — All season, the New York Mets have been unstoppable, and in July, Jack Morris has been almost unkillable. On Friday night, the Mets scored came to an end and Morris's continued.

Bob Knepper pitched a three-hitter as the Houston Astros defeated the Mets 3-0 and handed the National League East-leaders their first shutout this year.

Knepper and Ron Darling had allowed only three base-runners each until Houston's seventh-inning rally, when the Astros broke a scoreless tie on Alan Ashby's two-run single.

Knepper, 11-7, struck out a season-high nine batters and walked only one as he threw the first shutout against the Mets in 110 games since Sept. 11, 1983. The only Mets to go an entire season without being shut out was the 1932 New York Yankees.

Meanwhile, Morris pitched a two-hitter for his third consecutive shutout as the Detroit Tigers beat the Texas Rangers 5-0.

Morris, 10-6, allowed only two hits: doubles by Scott Fletcher in the first and Don Slaught in the second.

Morris, who has 31 consecutive scoreless innings and one earned run in his last 41 innings, became the first Tiger to pitch three straight shutouts since Mickey Lolich in 1967.

Morris struck out 11 Rangers and walked two. He retired 18 straight batters between the second and eighth innings.

Kirk Gibson went 4-for-4 and knocked in Detroit's first run with a first-inning single. Darnell Coles hit his 11th homer for the Tigers.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Expos 5, Braves 4

Hubie Brooks had three hits and drove in three runs, leading Montreal over Atlanta in a game interrupted by rain for two hours and eight minutes.

Astros' Duvessa also had three hits while Mitch Webster added two and scored two runs as the Expos handed the Braves their sixth consecutive loss.

Cubs 2, Giants 1

Scott Sanderson limited San Francisco to one hit, a fourth-inning double by Jeff Leonard, through seven innings and Lee Smith pitched

two perfect innings in relief for Chicago.

Keith Mercand singled home both runs for the Cubs in the first inning, while Sam Rice allowed only an unearned run in the fourth.

Prades 12, Padres 7

U.L. Washington's bases-loaded triple keyed a five-run fifth inning and Rick Reuschel ended a seven-game losing streak as Pittsburgh defeated San Diego.

Washington had three hits and drove in four runs as Reuschel, ending a career record-tying losing streak, won for the first time since June 2.

Reds 6, Phillies 5

Dave Parker drove in four runs with a single and a three-run homer, powering resurgent Tom Browning and Cincinnati past Philadelphia.

Browning, 6-7, pitched six shutout innings to post his fifth career win and his 10th victory. He pitched with a 5-4 lead in the seventh, giving up runs on Van Helder's single and Glenn Wilson's double before being relieved.

Dodgers 4, Cardinals 3

Franklin Stubbs and Len Matuszek hit two-out homers to key a three-run first inning, powering Los Angeles over St. Louis.

Los Angeles rookie Reggie Williams also homered, his first in the Major Leagues, off St. Louis right-hander Danny Cox, 3-4, in support of Fernando Valenzuela, 12-6, who struck out eight and walked two in seven-plus innings.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees 8, White Sox 4

Mike Pagliarulo went 3-for-3, including a three-run homer and a RBI single, and Don Mattingly homered and drove in two runs, leading New York over Chicago.

Joe Mauer, 8-4, activated from the 15-day disabled list on Thursday, pitched five innings for the victory. Mauer, who had been sidelined with a strained right index finger, gave up seven hits, including Joel Shuster's three-run homer in the second.

Twins 7, Orioles 3

Kirby Puckett and Gary Gaetti homered to open the game for Minnesota, and Puckett and Kent Hrbek added homers later against Baltimore.

Puckett hit 18th homer, his fourth leading off a game, on the second pitch from Scott McGregor, and five pitches later Gaetti connected for his 19th. McGregor, 6-9, was hit by a batter in the eighth. Erickson became the third pitcher to pitch a perfect game in the ninth after the Orioles got within 4-3 in the eighth.

Indians 3, Royals 2

Brett Butler scored on shortstop Buddy Biancalana's 10th-inning throwing error and Cleveland snapped

ped a three-game losing streak by defeating Kansas City.

Butler, who scored all three Cleveland runs, singled with one out and scored on a sacrifice fly by Joe Carter, who hit his fourth hit. Red Sox catcher Dan Quisenberry, 6-4, then coasted a potential double-play grounder from Andre Thornton, but Biancalana threw wildly to second base, allowing Butler to score.

Mariners 10, Red Sox 4

Danny Tartabull hit a three-run homer and Alvin Davis scored three runs as Seattle handed Boston its third straight defeat.

Seattle took advantage of two Boston errors in the first inning to score four runs.

Blue Jays 2, Angels 0

Right-hander Jim Clancy pitched a two-hitter for 8½ innings and became the top winner in Toronto history as the Blue Jays blanked California.

Clancy, 10-5, whose 96 victory is one more than Dave Stieb, won his fourth consecutive decision. He has been with the team for 10 seasons and is one of three remaining original Blue Jays from the 1976 expansion draft.

A's 6, Brewers 1

Joaquin Andujar pitched three-hit shutout ball for 5½ innings on his return from a six-week injury layoff, and Oakland went on to beat Milwaukee.

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	26	33	.439	—
New York	32	29	.524	5
Cleveland	27	34	.442	10
Toronto	22	39	.359	15 1/2
Baltimore	21	42	.336	19
Detroit	15	48	.230	25 1/2
Milwaukee	11	46	.171	31 1/2

WEST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	48	41	.539	—
Texas	47	42	.524	1 1/2
Kansas City	41	48	.458	7 1/2
Chicago	40	48	.456	7 3/4
Seattle	41	51	.446	9 1/2
Minnesota	38	54	.410	12 1/2
Oakland	35	56	.385	14 1/2

Friday's Games: New York 3, Chicago 2; San Francisco 1; Detroit 5, Texas 6; Milwaukee 7, Baltimore 3; Cleveland 3, Kansas City 10; 10 innings; Seattle 10, Boston 4; Oakland 6, Milwaukee 1; Toronto 2, California 8.

Thursday's Games: New York 5, Chicago 4; Baltimore 6, Minnesota 2; Detroit 2, Texas 1; Kansas City 5, Cleveland 1.

English victory

MANCHESTER. — England scored an amazing victory in their second one-day match against New Zealand. On the easy Old Trafford pitch, New Zealand compiled 284



THREE STRAIGHT. — Tiger pitcher Jack Morris lets one fly on his way to his third consecutive shut out Friday night against Texas.

(Reuter telephoto)

Three relievers followed Andujar, with Steve Oaterson working the final 2½ innings for his ninth save.

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	40	26	.606	—
Montreal	38	28	.573	2
Philadelphia	42	45	.483	16 1/2
Chicago	37	44	.455	19
St. Louis	37	51	.420	24
Pittsburgh	36	51	.414	24 1/2

WEST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	49	41	.544	—
Houston	48	42	.533	1
San Diego	46	44	.511	3
Cincinnati	37	44	.455	9 1/2
Atlanta	42	48	.467	7
Los Angeles	41	49	.456	8

Friday's Games: Chicago 2, San Francisco 1; Montreal 5, Atlanta 4; Cincinnati 6, Philadelphia 15; Pittsburgh 12, San Diego 7; Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 3; Houston 3, New York 9.

Thursday's Games: New York 13, Houston 2; San Francisco 6, Chicago 4; Montreal 4, Atlanta 2; San Diego 2, Pittsburgh 1; Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 6; St. Louis 12, Los Angeles 2.

Israeli youths learn the Royal and Ancient game

By FAITH SPECTOR

The usual sounds heard at the Caesarea golf club, of birds chirping in the trees and shrubs, crunch of spikes on the asphalt, of golfers chatting as they wait to tee off, of the maintenance people carefully tending the flower beds, the fairways and greens, are interrupted on Monday and Wednesday afternoons by the sudden whirr of Charlie Mandelstam's motor-cycle, as he goes down to the practice range to meet 60 children attending the golf school. They arrive in a chattering bunch, keen and eager for another afternoon of fun, frustration and hard practice.

The school was started two years ago. It was conceived by Alon Ben David, the manager of the golf club. He went to Ian Froman for advice on how to establish a golf school with the same success as Froman has had with the tennis centers.

As in the tennis centres, the children who benefit the most from the school are those who live close to the golf course. Ninety per cent of the young learners come from the development town of Or Akiva. The rest come from Caesarea, Hadera and Benayana.

Charlie Mandelstam, who has been the club professional since its inauguration, is very enthusiastic about the school and believes it will spread appreciation of golf among Israeli youngsters, and, in addition,

it should produce the champions of the future. He says, "This school has made me prouder of the club than anything we have done before."

It is a very rewarding sight for a lover of golf to see the kids go out on the course with Charlie. Although golf is basically a very individual game, he tries to engender a feeling of team spirit by dividing the children into groups of eight, playing foursomes, with each youngster hitting alternate shots. He has on occasion sent children off the course for showing annoyance about their partner's poor play. He insists, "That kind of behaviour is not acceptable on the golf course, and they have to learn the rules of the game together with the sportsmanship and protocol which are so important in golf." He gives the children prizes as added incentives.

He admits that the Israeli children do not learn golf easily, and explains: "It is not an easy game. Anglo-Saxons are used to using two hands in sports, like cricket baseball and hockey, but for Israelis it is hard in the beginning to realise that the club head is an extension of both hands. They need time to become used to the basic concepts of golf."

The children turn up regularly in their special golf-school T-shirts and sweatshirts, all provided by the school. In September, those children who do not show enough promise are weeded out of the group to make way for a new group of beginners. As

that date approaches, there is tension among the youngsters who do not want to leave the course, but the school cannot take more than 60 children at a time. They play 6 days a week. The only day they are not allowed to play on the course is Friday, the club's busiest day.

Those who leave the group can continue to play, but, as they are no longer sponsored, they have to find their own equipment and to pay NIS 3 as greens fees. The project is financed by the Sister Clubs, which were launched to foster close relationship between Israeli golfers and golfers from abroad, and also to raise funds to sponsor the young players. A good beginning has been made with the signing of clubs in the U.S., Canada and South Africa, though a large amount of goodwill among Jewish golfers throughout the Anglo-Saxon world still remains to be tapped. The sponsors cover the tuition of the children in the school, their equipment and greens fees.

Integration, the Name of the Game is a video film of the school made for showing to prospective Sister Club members abroad. And integration is exactly what is happening in the group. The children come from very different backgrounds and schools, but they are mixing very well, and the golf course provides an opportunity for them to get together.

The golf club is very proud of two 15-year-olds who are participating in the Israel Open, now taking place.

They are Avi Avna'im, a six handicap player, and Gil Drai, a seven.

The youngsters are also being integrated into the club. Some have played with ambassadors and consuls, a wonderful experience for them. Kobi Lapidot plays regularly with a three-star retired general from the United States.

For the Israel Open, Charlie Mandelstam gave the more advanced youngsters

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And now - Taba

THE PROBLEM of Taba has vexed relations between Israel and Egypt for over four years. Ever since Israel carried out the final stage of withdrawal from Sinai in April 1982, its holding on to the tiny patch of land south of Eilat has become an increasing sore in Egypt's eyes.

The issue has grown so much out of proportion that the vast majority of Egyptians have been led to believe that Taba is the size of a large town, rather than the site of a bathing beach and a hotel. Be that as it may, in Egyptian political and diplomatic parlance Taba has been built up as a symbol of Israeli obstinacy and as a major hindrance on the way towards improving relations between both countries.

Even the reappointment of an Egyptian ambassador in Tel Aviv hinges now on reaching agreement on the *compromis* - the terms of reference - of the international arbitration which is to rule on the border dispute. Long forgotten is the fact that Egypt's first ambassador to Israel, Mr. Saad Mortada, was recalled by Cairo in September 1982 in the wake of the massacre in the Sabra and Shatila Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut. Egyptian leaders repeatedly stated at the time that an Egyptian ambassador would be returned as soon as Israel will complete its withdrawal from Lebanon - which happened over a year ago.

Despite these setbacks, the Israel government, and particularly Prime Minister Shimon Peres, have made consistent efforts to come towards Egypt's demands in reaching agreement on the formula of the *compromis*. The stage of conciliation, which was foreseen in the initial agreement on ways and means for solving the Taba dispute, was practically skipped and so were various Israeli proposals for a joint administration of the small spot on the Red Sea coast.

Mr. Peres has stated several days ago that about 90 per cent of the outstanding issues on the way towards an arbitration agreement have been solved, but the remaining 10 per cent were still densely populated with lawyers. Meanwhile, Egypt's chargé d'affaires, Mohammed Bassiouny, has been putting in his own personal efforts in order to remove whatever hurdles still remain. Carrying personal messages between President Hosni Mubarak and Premier Peres in repeated shuttle trips between Cairo and Jerusalem, Mr. Bassiouny has contributed a great deal towards creating a better understanding between both leaders.

It seems that it is now primarily up to Egypt to help wrap up the Taba talks so that the arbitration process can take its course. President Mubarak, who is due to deliver a major policy address tonight before a conference of Egypt's National Democratic Party, should use the occasion to announce Cairo's readiness to that effect.

Having just returned from a blitz visit to West Europe, where he requested much needed economic aid for Egypt, President Mubarak should also regard the improving of relations with Israel, which should include expanding mutual economic cooperation, as a small, albeit important, step in that direction.

Taba, which was made into a symbol of dispute and disagreement, could become a new focus of Israel-Egyptian cooperation, regardless of who will win the arbitration.

BAR-LEV PROBE

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The three former Suissa aides have retained their rank and salary level, but have all been transferred to marginal jobs. Malka today is to assume deputy directorship of training; Glick is to take on the position of supplies manager, and Saguy is to be registrar at the Ayalon Prison in Ramle.

Suissa told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that he believes the commission of inquiry will rule in favour of his policies and of his management of the Prisons Service. Questioned over the transfers, Suissa insisted the three were "part of an organizational rotation - nothing more, nothing less."

But Suissa charged that Malka - who was spokesman for nearly five years after four years as Jerusalem police spokesman - had "betrayed" him and had shown "unbecoming disloyalty."

"The three were not demoted; they were simply transferred. When I came into the job, I had the right to choose my own spokesman, assistant, driver and secretary, but I retained all three from my predecessor (Mordechai Wertheimer). I've transferred some 11 senior officers in the past year and, regarding these three, I now feel it's time for a change," said Suissa.

Suissa denied that his rows with Malka had anything to do with his son David, recently released from a French prison after serving time for heroin smuggling.

Suissa has always insisted that his son was framed and that the drugs were planted in his suitcase. Malka, *The Post* has learned, repeatedly told Suissa that it is "impossible" not to know that one is carrying an extra

three kilos of baggage, and had also spoken to the commissioner of what he called David's "criminal tendencies."

Malka and Glick reportedly approached Suissa several months ago with what they claimed was "harmful" evidence of breaches of Suissa's much-touted liberal policy, under which all prisoners are considered equal.

Malka, Glick and Saguy also reportedly tried to persuade Suissa to discipline "tainted officers" within the services.

In one case, it was alleged, a group of high-security prisoners who had not served the obligatory two-thirds of their sentences were permitted to work in factories and businesses as far as 50 kilometres from the prison. Instead of returning to their cells at night, said a source close to Malka, "dangerous prisoners were galivanting around the country, having to be escorted back to prison by police."

One of the three aides, who was advised by his attorney to refrain from public comment, told *The Post* in private conversations that Suissa had no malevolent intent to disrupt policy, yet consented to wardens' requests that selected prisoners receive undeserved privileges.

According to this aide, Suissa was as upset as anyone by the number of prisoners refusing to return from home leave, yet did not realize that his leniency with top prison director's had any bearing on that.

"We wanted to clean our dirty laundry at home. When we didn't succeed, we went to the minister and told him we wanted to divorce ourselves from Suissa and the stink that was bound to come out in the open," said the aide.

BUSH-SHAMIR

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being handled through normal diplomatic channels. If raised by Israel, however, the vice president would be prepared to discuss the issues, according to the official.

He described the U.S.-Israeli relationship right now as "basically very strong," adding that there are "no major bilateral problems." He conceded that the two countries do not necessarily agree on everything, which he said is normal in the relationship of "two outspoken democracies."

The official said that the Reagan administration, by sending Bush to the region, is hoping to signal America's continued interest in the Middle East. The trip should be seen as a U.S. re-engagement in the region following months of a very low profile, he said.

Depending on what Bush hears in Jerusalem, Amman and Cairo, the

administration might decide to send Secretary of State George Shultz back to the Middle East to intensify the U.S. role.

Among those accompanying Bush will be Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy.

The senior official said Bush will be carrying personal messages from President Reagan to Peres, Hussein and Egyptian President Mubarak. But he cautioned against expecting a major new U.S. peace initiative at present. "I don't sense any dynamite letters," he said.

He expressed hope that the U.S. could help to strengthen Israeli-Egyptian relations. The Bush aide said that some impressive progress had recently been achieved toward resolving the Taba border dispute. An agreement on Taba, he said, would represent "a great step forward."

THE WAYS Americans think about and discuss Israel is of critical importance to the future of this country. It should, therefore, be of some concern that in the recent American debate, the real Israel has all but disappeared.

In the exchange between leftist author Gore Vidal and influential neo-conservative and *Commentary* magazine editor Norman Podhoretz, (see *The Jerusalem Post*, July 8, 1986), Israel is merely a weapon in a war of ideas about America.

It was not only Vidal's irresponsible language and anti-Israel bias that was particularly unfortunate. Unjustified criticism from the left is, alas, nothing new; it stings, but has lost its power to wound. Like Podhoretz, Vidal was aiming at an American, not an Israeli, target. But Vidal's language, bordering on the anti-Semitic, created a set of terms which cloud Podhoretz' animus to the Israeli centre-left. Sharing the general outrage at Vidal's ugly charges that American-Jewish-Israel supporters are "fifth columnists," Podhoretz' increasingly problematic views escape our attention.

Those views - on how to shape the American discourse on Israel - have changed along with Podhoretz' move from the liberal left to the neo-conservative right. In 1982, he expounded the proposition that "the beginning of wisdom in thinking about [criticism of Israel] is to recognize that the vilification of Israel is the phenomenon to be addressed, and not the Israeli behaviour that supposedly provoked it." (*Jacques*, *Commentary*, September 1982). But soon, the problem progressed from American criticism of Israel to Israeli critics of the Begin government, and from there to the entire Israeli centre-left. Finally, Podhoretz set out to destroy the legitimacy of that central Israeli political tradition.

For example, in his 1983 "State of World Jewry Address," delivered at New York's YM-YWHA and later published in *Commentary*, he tied the fight against the Lebanon War to the American anti-Vietnam War movement. In both cases, he sees opposition to the war as merely part of a domestic campaign against a right-wing leader. If Vietnam was used as a weapon against Nixon, "in Israel an effort was made to use Lebanon as a weapon against Begin." In America, liberals who failed to carry the election toppled Nixon

On the politics of Podhoretz

DAVID TWERSKY

through an investigation; in Israel, "an effort was made to topple Begin the same way after the massacres in Sabra and Shatila."

If the struggles against the two wars were similar, it is because similar issues were at stake. American liberals experienced a failure of nerve in facing, and even in admitting to the existence of, an external enemy. The Israeli opposition was guilty of the same failure of nerve during the Lebanon War, turning their demoralization at the unceasing Arab hostility inward, and blaming blameless Israel.

Furthermore, "... the feelings of the Israeli establishment toward [Begin] bore a striking resemblance to the feelings of the liberal establishment in America about Richard Nixon." Like their American counterparts, the Israeli opposition "hurled epithets like 'fascist' at Begin," failing to see that "abandoning all restraint in attacking the government is more than a democratic right; it is a luxury, which Israel, 'living on so narrow a margin of security,' cannot afford."

"If the idea," Podhoretz concluded, "that 'America is what's wrong with the world' is both false and dangerous, the idea that 'Israel is what's wrong with the Middle East' is no less false - and even more dangerous."

But who exactly was saying that? To Podhoretz, Israelis who maintain that their government's policy can make a difference in moving towards peace - not that "Israel is what's wrong with the Middle East" - are dangerous. Such a thesis invites "pressure on Israel" - or what some serious Israeli leaders call "American involvement in the peace process."

GIVEN that Arab rejectionism has been the primary obstacle in the search for peace, isn't it absurd to suggest that it doesn't matter what

Israel does? To take but one modest example, if Begin had rejected the compromise at Camp David, wouldn't Israel have shared the guilt for missing that opportunity for peace?

In line with Podhoretz's analysis, *Commentary* declared all out war against critics of Israel, with precious little distinction drawn between virulent anti-Zionists (and/or anti-Semites), and pro-Israel Jewish and even Zionist and Israeli critics of the Israeli right.

In a speech to the International Colloquium of the Jewish Press in Jerusalem this January, Podhoretz extended his war to its logical

'Podhoretz has embraced the politics of the Israeli right'

source: the Israeli centre-left. "The internal debate in Israel, when it reaches a certain pitch of intensity, has an extremely damaging effect on the standing of Israel in the U.S." As the self-appointed Zionist standard-bearer, he is drawn into conflict with those Israelis who refuse to defer to his superior knowledge and lower the pitch of the domestic Israeli debate.

For example, Podhoretz believes that after the 1982 massacres in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, Israelis should have kept their mouths shut. Instead, the volume of their outcry "was so great that the impression was created that the Jews had in fact committed the massacres."

To many observers, it was precisely that outcry - the mass demonstration - which forced Begin to establish the Kahan Commission, thus salvaging their image of Israel as a democratic society. But to Podhoretz, the demonstration,

rather than the policy which had brought the Israeli Army into Beirut, was the problem.

THE AMERICAN neo-conservatives have little love for the Israeli centre-left and not only because they differ on how Israel should be discussed in the U.S. Israeli moderates advocate for Israel what the neo-conservatives oppose for America. These Israelis tend to support the welfare-state (at least), and to oppose the Cold War. The Labour Party and Mapam belong to the Socialist International, hardly a Reagan fan club. Shimon Peres initiates peace moves with the Arabs and welcomes the constructive involvement of the U.S. in the process - his lips are not frozen into a permanent "no" to every suggestion that comes along.

Furthermore, Israelis who agree with Abba Eban that Israel "must disabuse itself of the notion that there is no [Arab] to talk to" - fail to grasp what Podhoretz understands. While still intent on wiping Israel off the map, the Arabs offered peace in exchange for a Palestinian state on the West Bank ruled by the PLO. This "shrewdly calculated shift... introduced an element of uncertainty into the mind of Israel's friends, including of course the Jews."

What dupe Peres and Eban are! Not only do they fail to read the Arabs correctly, they aren't really Zionists at all. Socialist-Zionists were more socialist than Zionist by their "commitment to Jewish statehood" based on its socialist character. "There was an element of ideological conditionality in the [Zionist] Zionism."

This is almost a word-for-word playback not only of the neo-conservative attack on American liberalism, but of the traditional Revisionist Zionist attack on the labour movement for not espousing a "my country right or wrong" nationalism.

The real message is that Podhoretz has embraced the politics of the Israeli right. In Jerusalem, he said that "the temptation to enter into the internal [Israeli] political battles... often encouraged by Israelis... should be resisted."

Apparently, this advice was meant for dovish critics of Israel only. Bad enough that Podhoretz is "saving Israel from itself" in the American debate; as far as the Israeli debate goes, he refuses to heed his own counsel.

Ironically, those Israelis most committed to the democratic character of their country are exoriated by Podhoretz "for calling their government fascist." To him, the annexationist forces pose no threat to democracy. Kahanism is "blown out of all proportion" and the new complexity in the Arab position dismissed as mere sleight of hand.

BUT Podhoretz inflates the fringe left out of all proportion in order to discredit the "socialist-Zionists." Reading him, one would never know that the overwhelming majority of Israeli moderates serve in the army, vote for Zionist parties, and identify the struggle for peace and compromise as the essence of the struggle to keep Israel alive. The famous demonstration of which Podhoretz so disapproves ended with the singing of Hatikva.

Moreover, exactly who called the government "fascist"? I heard Peres, Amnon Rubinstein, Avraham Burg, and others speak at that demonstration. I don't remember hearing the word "fascist." Nor did these critics "spread the idea that Israel is what's wrong with the Middle East."

Putting the words of a tiny fringe in the mouths of the centre-left is a crude attempt to portray Labour and its allies as, at best, dupes of the extreme left.

Making critics of the war, rather than the war, the problem, cannot fail to remind one of the line used by Ariel Sharon to turn the struggle against his Lebanon policy back on his critics, charging that the army was "stabbed in the back" before it could finish its work.

In the polarized American debate about Israel, Israel has vanished. The Israel in which we live and bleed and love and hope and struggle needs to find expression. Otherwise, the idea of Israel in America will fall somewhere along the imaginary line between the grotesque distortions of the American left which blames Israel for everything, and the enthusiastic neo-conservative embrace which at best ignores, and at worst wilfully strangles, the only hope there is for a Middle East future - an Israel committed to compromise and peace.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE VIDAL-PODHORETZ CONTROVERSY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - I have just finished reading Malka Rabinowitz's account of July 8 of the Vidal-Podhoretz controversy. If one reads Rabinowitz, the inescapable conclusion is that when Gore Vidal wrote some blatant anti-Semitism in *The Nation*, no one among the leaders of the Jewish liberal community protested. The only exceptions that he notes are *The Village Voice* and the *New Republic*.

This article by Rabinowitz follows the line that Norman Podhoretz himself laid down, with a bit greater care, early in May in a column in the *New York Post*. There he admitted that a half dozen liberals protested Vidal's outburst in *The Nation*.

Both Norman Podhoretz and Malka Rabinowitz know that I am associated with political liberalism, both in American and in Jewish life. Podhoretz approached me, both in person and by letter, to call my attention to the Vidal article. As soon as I read it, I wrote to *The Nation* denouncing Vidal's anti-Semitism. Interestingly, the last sentence of my letter read as follows: "Clearly Gore Vidal has been reading too much Henry Adams." That remark is to be found nowhere else in the entire, and growing literature of this controversy, until it surfaced in Malka Rabinowitz's article of July 8, as follows: "These (anti-Semitic) feelings were apparently fed by the image of Henry Adams, 19th century scion of a patrician family and an anti-Semite, with whom Vidal evidently identifies."

Rabinowitz obviously wanted to avoid quoting the source of this comment, because to quote it would have involved her having to admit that someone in the Jewish liberal community (and I was not alone) had taken on Mr. Vidal on the issue of anti-Semitism.

I can only deduce from Malka Rabinowitz's account that it is not journalism, but special pleading. She seems to want to identify the cause of the neo-Conservatives with being a "good Jew," and to suggest that liberals simply crumble before left-wing or black anti-Semitism.

She is, incidentally, telling less than the truth about the response to Jesse Jackson in the 1984 election. The American Jewish Congress, the most liberal of Jewish organizations, denounced him early and often, as Malka Rabinowitz has conveniently forgotten.

The kind of "reporting" that Malka Rabinowitz has produced is, alas, striking evidence as to why the neo-Conservative writers and journalists are, too often, engaging.

ARTHUR HERTZBERG
Jerusalem (New York).

Malka Rabinowitz comments:
Arthur Hertzberg's May 3 letter to *The Nation* 1) ascribes the Vidal-

Podhoretz issue to a "personal quarrel"; 2) complains of the novelist's diatribe "against both Jews and Arabs"; 3) says he was "delighted" at Vidal's complimentary references to Peace Now; and 4) mentions anti-Semitism not at all.

Other Jewish readers protested far more vigorously, but it was the perspective of mainstream Jewish organizational spokesmen rather than that of any individual, including Arthur Hertzberg, that was at issue here.

As a historian, Dr. Hertzberg no doubt participates easily in the free exchange of information. As a letter writer, in the matter of Henry Adams, he apparently chooses to claim sole possession of an idea in common currency by virtue of repeating it.

The American Jewish Congress lagged well behind the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee and others in reacting to Jesse Jackson, except for one occasion fairly early on in the campaign when it joined with other Jewish organizations to issue a collective statement repudiating Jews Against Jackson, an offshoot of the Jewish Defence League, which was then staging demonstrations against the Democratic presidential aspirant.

Sir, - In her report on the Podhoretz-Vidal controversy, your correspondent in New York, obviously a strong supporter of the conservative drift among American Jewish leaders, mentions the existence of a new magazine, *Tikkun*, which was created as a liberal-progressive alternative to *Commentary*.

Yet in faulting the liberal world for its silence on Vidal's anti-Semitism, it apparently managed to slip her mind that she should call this magazine and speak to us about our response. Had she done so, she would have learned that we were already loudly denouncing Vidal's vicious anti-Semitism to the media. That our critique of Vidal was not being played up by New York media (though it was reported in other parts of the country) is more a comment on the way that some of the so-called "liberal" media has actually moved into the conservative camp and is thus reluctant to show that those of us in the liberal-progressive camp are as much concerned about anti-Semitism as they.

Coupled with our strong public statement, we called *The Nation* to directly complain. A new generation of Jews have come together to form *Tikkun* magazine - and we will have no tolerance for anti-Semitism from leftists any more than from the hard-core rightists.

MICHAEL LERNER, Editor,
NAN FINK, Publisher,
Tikkun
Oakland, California.

INCREASED TRAVEL TAX

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - In your editorial of June 25, you mention the gross injustice of the \$100 travel tax and its possible effect on future immigration. All of us who have come from North America would certainly agree and we applaud *The Jerusalem Post* for joining others, primarily the AACI, in fighting this tax.

I should like to point out, howev-

er, that when paying the tax (which is always quoted in NIS), we find out that somehow big brother has succeeded in fooling us and that the travel tax, when divided by the official exchange rate has increased to about \$122 per person, with no official government decision which I can remember.

ELI ZACKLER
Tel Aviv.

OPTOMETRY IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - I refer to Ilan Haim's article of June 26, "In Israel the eyes don't have it." On the contrary, in Israel the eyes do have it, and I wish to correct misleading information given to your correspondent by the person he interviewed in regard to optometry in Israel.

In respect to the qualification of optometrists, the approximately 400 optometrists practising in Israel are registered for a work permit with the Ministry of Health and not with the Ministry of Labour as indicated in the article. Every registered optometrist must have a certificate with his registration number on it, to distinguish him from the few unqualified people, unfortunately still working in the country.

As to optometric education, there has been a College of Optometry in Israel since 1979. Its syllabus and teaching system were approved by the International Optometric and Optical College. It has the approval of the Ministry of Health to conduct supplementary courses in optometry for people applying for a licence to practise. The college is also a member of the European Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry.

The college is an institute equal to a technical college that conducts a four-year course in optometry, the same length of time as in the U.S. or England, and the entry requirements for students are the same as those for a university in Israel. The college's immediate target is to be incorporated in or associated with a university such as Tel Aviv or Bar-Ilan, with whom negotiations are now under way.

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Tel Aviv.

PUNISHING WAR CRIMINALS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - UJA's man in Israel and former Israel Consul-General in New York, Naftali Lavie, like my parents, is a Holocaust survivor. I and many others of my generation are ashamed and not a little disgusted by the refusal of far too many survivors to take concrete action to bring their former tormentors, Nazi war criminals, to justice.

Instead, they offer us time-worn, meaningless rhetoric such as Mr. Lavie's "The answer to the Holocaust is Israel, and its very existence will ensure that such tragedy does not happen again." (June 24).

No, Mr. Lavie. The "existence of Israel" pitch may go down well at UJA fund-raising banquets, but it rings hollow to those familiar with Israel's shameful record of inactivity in punishing the perpetrators of the Holocaust. Responsibility for the fact that, in its 38 years of existence, Israel has tried only one Nazi war criminal, Adolf Eichmann, rests most conspicuously on the shoulders of men such as Mr. Lavie who are Holocaust survivors and have reached positions of great political influence in Israel.

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIALS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - Naftali Lavie's comments against Holocaust memorials in the United States (June 24) reflect an appalling lack of knowledge of the American scene for one who has served as a diplomat in New York City and represents the United Jewish Appeal in Israel.

His statement that American Jews shouldn't build such memorials and that their funds should be spent instead on Jewish education are bewildering. Aren't such memorials the best way to teach our past, present and future? Is there a better example than Yad Vashem?

Is Lavie telling us that the Holocaust is a Jewish problem only and that only Israel has the right to build such a memorial?

Moreover, two U.S. presidents, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan,

along with the U.S. Congress, do not agree with him. For they have authorized an American Holocaust Memorial to be built in Washington, D.C., to teach all Americans the universal lesson of the Jewish tragedy during World War II: that people can never be indifferent to the pain and suffering of others.

I am a survivor like Mr. Lavie, and Vice-Chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, based in Washington, D.C. I was also one of the leaders, together with other fellow Jews and Christians, in the building of a Holocaust memorial in my hometown of San Francisco.

Denying Jews from reminding mankind of the Holocaust is to forget the past.

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REFERRING TO WOMEN

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - I refer to Yehuda Sherman's letter of July 9, "Referring to women." On behalf of my mother, my sister, my grandmother and myself, I suggest that your Jewish newspaper continue to refer to women and men in the same way: by name. We don't need silly titles such as Miss "or whatever" to gain respect - if we earn it, we'll get it.

BRACHA YARDEN
Sde Eliyah.

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - I believe your readers will be interested to know that, on June 20,

The New York Times adopted the editorial policy of using "Ms." as an honorific in its news and editorial columns. The reason given by *The New York Times* editors: "The Times now believes that 'Ms.' has become a part of the language and is changing its policy."

The title "Ms." represents the notion that a woman's marital status is as relevant or irrelevant to the issues at hand as a man's marital status. *The Jerusalem Post* should adopt the title of "Ms." as part of its editorial policy.

MIRIAM BENSON
Jerusalem.

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